



Farmington River Early Kindergarten October News Rm. 136

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

October has been a busy month. The color was orange and the shape was triangle. We focused on numerals 3-5 and letters D-F. The children reported that they enjoyed their trip to the apple orchard! We continue to study seasonal changes around us through discussion and hands-on activities. We are looking forward to our "Halloween" parade, dress-up and special treat!

In math we played color and shape bingo, counted cubes adding one more, practiced subtraction using "farm animal" counters that were playing "hide and seek", count our friends daily, use our calendar, counting books, computer/IPAD programs, and a myriad of songs/finger plays and manipulatives to reinforce our math skills.

In literacy, we continue to model an appreciation for books. The children are read to several times a day and have opportunities to look at books in our "book nook". Some of our favorites this month were: Five Little Pumpkins w/ prop, Inside A House That Is Haunted (You Tube), Room On The Broom, Because Of An Acorn, The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid Of Anything w/props, Sixteen Runaway Pumpkins, Going On A Ghost Hunt, and The Night Before Halloween.

In social studies our unit in our OWL curriculum was "friends" and "families". We discussed how families are alike and different, how we care and take care of each other, and family fun. The children made pictures of their family in their journals. We acknowledged Columbus Day and spoke about Halloween as a holiday some people celebrate.

In science, we continue to discuss the daily weather and seasonal changes around us. We planted an acorn and are hoping it will grow into an oak tree someday! We watched a video and made a booklet of the "Life Cycle" of a pumpkin.

In art/fine motor we practice cutting, coloring, pasting etc. The children made "paper bag" pumpkins, feather letter F's and finger paint, and made yellow moons for our bats. The children manipulate play dough and floam to create two and three-dimensional works of art!

In music/movement the children participated in “Spooky Walk”, “Black Cats” “We’re Going On A Ghost Hunt”, “If You’re Happy and You Know It” , “Spooky Wheels On The Bus” and “Head and Shoulders” to name some of our favorites.

Next month, we will focus on our “Community”, the color brown, the square shape, Thanksgiving, and Veteran’s Day.

Happy Fall To all!

Mrs. Higgins

****IMPORTANT DATES**:**

Thursday November 5, 2019: PTA Meeting Zoom @ 6:30

Wednesday November 11, 2020 NO SCHOOL “Veteran’s Day”

NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Break, November 25-27

*****Please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns. I arrive daily by 8:00 A.M. and I am here until 3:00 or later. My e-mail is nhiggins@frrsd.org.***