

November 2022

Dear Sprout Families,

The month of October just flew by! Now that we are into our second month the Sprouts are settling into the daily routines in the classroom.

In October the study was "CLOTHES." The children had so much fun trying on different dress-up clothes, and using different items in the classroom to make crowns and necklaces to go with their outfits. Art was a blast every day coloring or painting different items of clothing to display around the classroom.

We read *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* by *Simms Taback* and *Little Blue Truck's Halloween* by *Alice Schertle*. All the children loved guessing what animal was under each of the costumes.

The weather changes this month allowed us to wear many different weather appropriate clothes from shorts to winter jackets and everything in between.

### Monthly Highlights:

**Landon** lined up the blocks on the floor then run over and grab a hat, put it on, say "hat" and then run back over to the blocks and practice stepping up on them.

**Poppy** always picked out the pink doctor jacket and the pink hat to go with it. Then she would find the pink acrobat links and ask us to help her make a pink crown. (Somebody loves pink!)

**Caleb** had fun putting on all the dress up vests at one time and then cooking in the Home Center and washing the dishes.

**Zadie** really enjoyed putting on the cowboy hat and galloping across the room shouting "yee-haw, yee-haw."

**Grey** loved to sit at the table and color/paint/glue all the shirts, pants, jackets, hats and mittens. He never wanted it to end.

**Lillian** liked to bring hats and vests to her friends, and would try to help them put them on. She loves to help her friends!

**Nell's** favorite thing was to make a crown out of the acrobat links and then put on a couple of hats on top. She loves her hats!

**Fletcher** loved reading *Little Blue Truck's Halloween*. He was able to tell you which animal was hiding under the costumes.

**Olive** enjoyed wearing hats while taking care of her babies. But when we went outside she didn't like to keep her own hat on.

In November our study is "Seats." We've noticed that children interact with a wide variety of seats throughout the day. From sitting in chairs to eat lunch and snacks to sitting on benches on the playground. There are so many different seats to explore! The children will engage in hands-on explorations as they discover where they sit at school, different kinds of seats, how seats are the same and different, what seats help people go places, the different parts of the seats, and how to make their own seats.

During our study of seats, children will develop gross-motor skills as they climb in and out of seats; cognitive skills as they incorporate seats into their pretend play; language/math skills as they name and count the different parts of seats.

What you can do at home to keep the investigation going is to look for similar materials that you can explore with your child by going on a "seat hunt with your child to identify the different kinds of seats you have. When you are out with your child, talk about how some seats (like a car seat or bus seat) help you go places. Point out interesting seats in different places, such as a bench outside at the park or a bean bag chair at the library. Seats are everywhere!

Thank you for being a part of our study and learning!

Please remember to check your Sprouts extra clothes to make sure they are weather appropriate. Thank you. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come talk to us.

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