

November 2022

Dear Sprout Families,

October has been such a fun month in Sprout 2. Our study was **Paper and Play**. The Sprouts explored and created art using newspaper, paper plates, paper towels and paper cups. We discovered that paper has so many uses and each kind makes a different noise. Tearing paper versus crinkling it up was such a difference when it came to sound. The Sprouts did a great job on focusing on which sound was paper and what was not. Did you know that tearing paper is a precursor to cutting and writing? Strong fingers are needed to manipulate scissors and pencils and the art of tearing paper facilitates finger strength. Maybe there will be some future artists and writers in our midst!

Monthly Highlights:

Bailey thought it was fun to color and then to fly paper airplanes.

Ben did a great job gluing cut paper onto his construction paper.

Cannon really enjoyed ripping paper and sticking them to the contact paper.

Henry loves to color! He had a great time coloring the shapes drawn on the table sized paper.

Jack is always ready to go fishing! He patiently waits for his turn before picking out a colorful fish.

Millie had a great time making pumpkin faces. She thought they were so funny to look at!

Tate has been interested in the teacher books we have in the classroom. He is always so gentle with them when he is reading.

Wesley likes reading the books that have flaps in them. He would lift up the flaps on each page of the story when it was time!

Next Month:

Our November study will be **Shoes and Socks**. A toddler's natural curiosity about and interest in shoes and socks will lead to their growing independence! Putting on and taking off their shoes and socks is good practice and helps them to feel more confident in their abilities in taking care of themselves.

In addition the Sprouts will be learning to balance while wearing different types of shoes, measuring the difference of small to large shoes as well as learning that frustration comes along with learning a new thing and is ok and how to manage those big emotions.

Books:

Pete the Cat I love my white shoes

Shoe La-La

Fox in Socks

Reminders:

- Temperatures are changing and naptime should be cozy. Please consider warmer blankets or multiple blankets to keep your child comfortable while they sleep.
- Also warm jackets, hats and gloves/mittens (2), and boots are essential for outside time!
- Please also send a couple sets of extra clothes that correspond to our upcoming colder seasons.

Growing Tree will be closed for conferences on November 11th. We look forward to meeting you all!

We will also be closed on the Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving. Happy Holidays.

We are so thankful for you!!

Ms. Kelcy and Ms. Tracy

