

Branch Room October Newsletter

Wow, can you believe it's October already? Time flies when you're having fun...learning! As we began September and the new school year, we embarked on a grand adventure, an adventure of learning, listening, taking turns, using our words and problem solving. We learned that having rules at school keeps us safe and allows us to learn and have fun at school! Safety in and out of the classroom is important. Our first week of school was solely dedicated to classroom and playground safety...the "do's and the don'ts" were established. Our Brancher's have shown a great deal of responsibility so now the playground tower is open for business!

A new class with not only new students, but new teachers as well, means it is a necessity to learn more about one another. "What I Like About Me" is a book we read at circle time. It discussed how each one of us is different and how to embrace each wonderful quality that we each have! It also allowed each student to think about what makes them special and what they love about themselves. As an art activity, each student was asked to draw a picture of themselves...the term "self-portrait" was introduced. Using only a mirror, a pencil and a single piece of paper, each Brancher drew what appeared in the mirror. They observed their face, eyes, ears, nose and hair...and with that, they became artists! Seeing their facial expression when we showed a side by side comparison to actual drawing was priceless! Eye color graphing and people patterning were just a few more fun hands-on activities we engaged in while learning about one another.

As our month continued, we began our discussion on GERMS! We discovered that everyone has germs, both good and bad ones. Unlike books, games and toys...germs are NOT for sharing! Hand washing is such an important piece to germ control. We learned a fun new hand washing song...that I'm sure you all know by now! It has definitely become a classroom favorite! Using pom-poms, we were able to demonstrate just how important it is to cover your sneezes and coughs. When using a tissue, your germs (pom-poms) stay confined in the tissue, but when a tissue isn't used, germs (pom-poms) spread and go EVERYWHERE! Throwing dozens and dozens of pom-poms out as germs served as a great visual at our circle time. Did your child show you their "bag of germs"?

The last week of our study, we focused on our 5 senses; taste, touch, smell, hearing and sight. We played match up games, created textured hands, made sensory bean bag balloons, scented play dough, smell guessing game and even taste tested foods. We discovered that we have taste buds...our taste buds help us decipher whether foods are sweet, salty, bitter or sour. Not only was this educational, it was delicious as well!

As September came to an end, I think it is safe to say that being a Brancher is pretty awesome! Ms McKenzie and myself feel honored to have such a fun and enthusiastic group of children. We are truly enjoying getting to know each and every one of their personalities! October is sure to bring more art, fun and games as we "Fall into Autumn". Apple tasting, pumpkin graphing and super science...OH MY!

Branch photos and class photos will be taken on Friday, October 6th. The theme this year is "all about faces". The photographer encourages bright solid colors. Then, on Saturday, October 7th, we will be meeting up at the DD Ranch for our annual "Happy Harvest" from 9:00-11:00. We hope to see you there!

Ms. Heather and Ms. McKenzie



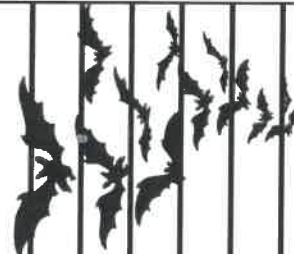
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SCIENCE OH MY

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
ALL ABOUT APPLES	APPLE SEED DISCOVERY	STUFFED APPLES	MMMM.... APPLESAUCE	APPLE DIAGRAM
9	10	11	12	13
WELCOME TO	PUMPKIN SCIENCE	PUMPKIN DIAGRAM	ROASTED SEEDS	PUMPKIN PICKIN'
16	17	18	29	20
LEAVES OF CHANGE...	AUTUMN GRAPHING	AUTUMN SIGHTS PATTERNING	LEAF TEXTURE	WARMING LEAVES
23	24	25	26	27
TISSUE PAPER TRIANGLE TREE	POPPIN' CORN SUPER SCIENCE	HANDPRINT ALPHABET ACORN	CANDY CORN FLOWERS	CORN HUSK CREATION
30	31			
WHOOOO'S IN THE TREE?	BLACK BATS & BLACK CATS			

OCTOBER 6TH....
PICTURE DAY
OCTOBER 7TH....
D&D RANCH
HAPPY HARVEST
9 AM - 11 AM



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