

11/5/2021

Dear Parents of Orange, Purple, and Brown Door,

This week, the topic was Seasons and the letter V. During Circle-Time, we talked about the 4 seasons: spring, summer, fall, and winter. The earth tilts on its axis and orbits around the sun causing the four seasons. During spring, the weather is normally warm, trees begin to grow their leaves, plants start to bloom and young animals such as chicks and lambs are born. In summer, the temperature rises, trees have full green leaves, and the amount of time it is light for during the day is longer. In autumn, the amount of time it is light becomes less, the leaves start to change colors to brown, orange, and red and the leaves fall off the trees. It is also harvest season, so crops are ready to be picked. In winter, the temperature drops and sometimes it snows, depending on the location. The trees have no leaves and the amount of time it is light during the day is at its shortest. We talked about how some places like Florida do not have a major change in seasons. We also talked about the importance of wearing the appropriate clothing for each season such as during winter, we should wear boots, a sweater, mittens to keep ourselves warm.

We introduced the letter V and listened to the sound that makes through a song. The letter V is a consonant. We learned some new words such as vase, village, valley, vest, and volleyball. They traced the letter V with markers and colored inside with crayons. We practiced writing the upper case and lowercase letter V on our own and wrote three words that begin with that letter. Please reinforce at home the difference between the letter U and V.

Our activities this week: We made summer beach balls using different color do-a-dots markers. For our fall activity, we traced and colored our hands. We then collected leaves outside and pasted them onto our finger branches. For spring, we made festive colorful flower headbands. For winter, we made a tree by tracing our hands, and then we dipped Q-tips into white paint to make snow. We also wrote the words spring, summer, fall and winter and drew a picture corresponding to the word.

Our graph was: "What is your favorite season?" The majority choose summer because they enjoyed going to the beach or the park.

Books we read this week:

Fall Leaf Project

I See a Leaf

We're Going on a Leaf Hunt

There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves

In the Middle of Fall

When the Leaf Blew In

Their favorite story was "We're Going on a Leaf Hunt". It is like the story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". It is about three friends that are on a hiking adventure over a mountain and

through a forest to collect leaves of all kinds and colors. This book has easy rhyming text and fun sound effects, the children took delight in this autumn story.

Vocabulary words: Bloom, temperature, hibernate, globe, axis, orbit.

Activities to do with your child at home:

Have children pick up different types of seeds with tweezers and sort them by type into the cups. Mosaic squares. In advance, cut construction paper into 1-inch long strips. Children "snip" the strips into smaller pieces and glue them onto their paper to make a mosaic. Children use eyedroppers to drop liquid watercolor or food coloring onto a coffee filter or paper towel.

Student of the week: Please have your child bring a poster filled with family photos for your child to share with the class on Monday 11/8/21.

Orange Door: Weston Lavoie

Purple Door: Maximo Gimenez

Brown Door: Danilo Hernandez

Reminders: Check your child in and out when entering and leaving school. Check Brightwheel for messages and pictures!

Quote:

"I believe in process. I believe in four seasons. I believe that winter's tough, but spring's coming. I believe that there's a growing season. And I think that you realize that in life, you grow. You get better." - Steve Southerland

Have a wonderful weekend!

-Ms. Laura

-Mrs. Marta

-Mrs. Ana