

10/29/21

Dear Parents of VPK Students,

This week our topic was Halloween and letter LI.

We started the week learning that Halloween is a holiday celebrated on October 31. It is a holiday with a long history and can have different meanings for different people. People all around the world celebrate this day. The main tradition is to dress up in a costume. Some people like scary costumes such as ghosts, witches, or skeletons, but a lot of people dress up in fun costumes like superheroes, movie stars, or cartoon characters. We also talked about the different activities such as costume parties, parades, haunted houses, and carving jack-o-lanterns from pumpkins. They learned that originally jack-o-lanterns were carved from turnips and potatoes.

#### Academic Enrichment

Students practiced writing words that start with the letter LI, and drew pictures to go with the words.

They traced both upper and lower case LI with pencil, went over it with a marker, and colored inside.

#### ART

For art, we made a spider web using Popsicle sticks and yarn. They also glued four Popsicles sticks to make a frame and decorated it. The students also made witches by tracing and cutting black and green construction paper, and paper confetti. There was also a mummy with a black silhouette and toilet paper! The children also decorated bags for the homeless children. As we decorated the bags for the homeless children we have taken the opportunity to discuss empathy and appreciation.

In their journals, they did a drawing of "My Halloween Costume", on Halloween I will be...

For the graph this week we did: What is your favorite kind of pie and what is your favorite Halloween decoration?

#### Books We Read

Some of the books we read this week:

Five Spooky Ghosts Playing Tricks At School

Sixteen Runaway Pumpkins

Spooky Hour, Clifford's Halloween, Trick or Treat.

Night Before Halloween, Halloween Mice.

Best Halloween Ever, Halloween Howl.

My Little "L" Book, The Lamb Who Loved to Laugh.

## Halloween Happening

We had a blast this week with our Halloween Happening! On Thursday, we went around the school for our traditional Halloween parade. The children got lots of treats and goodies. Thank you to all the families who donated treats and goodies for the school and candies for the homeless children. We started the day by taking beautiful pictures of our kids dressed in great costumes and listening to them telling stories about who they were. They were so happy and proud! We had a wonderful fun-filled day with a fun storytime, art activity, and filled bags with candies for the less fortunate kids.

This weeks student of the week:

Brown Door: Caliyah Williams

Purple Door: Audrey Fong

Orange Door: Jonath Hernandez

Please bring a decorated poster with pictures of family and friends and other favorite things to share with the class on Monday 11/1/21

Have a great weekend and a fun and safe Halloween!!

Ms. Ana and Ms. Nadia

Ms. Marta and Ms. Emma

Ms. Laura and Ms. Milquella