

10.14.2022

Dear Parents,

This week our students have learned about the letter Oo and Owls. Our class has been learning vocabulary words about owls, such as wingspan, talons, owlet, camouflage, prey, down, nocturnal, hatch, and nest. There are around 200 different owl species. Owls are nocturnal which means that like bats they are active at night and hunt for food. Most owls hunt insects, small mammals, and other birds. Some owl species hunt fish. Owls have powerful talons (claws) which help them catch and kill prey. Owls can turn their heads as much as 270 degrees. Baby owls are called "owlets" and a group of owls is called a "parliament". The wingspan of an owl can be up to an impressive six feet.

Academic enrichment and Art:

We have also taken the opportunity to stick with the letter O theme and discuss Opposites. They all have done so well grasping the concept of what opposites are, and excitedly raised hands to answer questions.

For Art - the students traced and colored the letter of the week, they practiced writing the Uppercase O and the lower case o. They've traced and cut out the letter O and decorated it to look like an owl. The students also traced an owl stencil, cut it and decorated it with feathers.

Journal- for journals the students drew a picture from the story "Owl Babies". They also made their own owlets sitting on a branch using construction paper and cotton balls.

Academic Enrichment- the students wrote words and drew pictures with the letter O. They wrote their vocabulary words that were included in the stories we've read about owls and drew pictures to match the meaning. Every afternoon we take a few minutes to do an activity or play a game that will encourage learning. This week the students matched capital and lowercase letters. They played, Simon Says and listened to different sounds.

This week we went to the garden and the students, with the help of the teachers, planted tomato plants. We will continue to visit the garden weekly to water the plants and watch as the plants grow.

On Thursday we also had an in-house field trip from the Miami Children's Museum. The students watched an awesome Halloween themed song and dance performance and listened to some stories too.

Books we read:

My O Book, Incredible Owls, Owls, Egg to Owl, Owl Babies, and The Sleepy Owl.

Reminders:

We are kindly asking if two parents would donate a pumpkin each for next week's activity. We will be exploring the pumpkin inside and out. Thank you in advance.

10/26 Halloween Happening: Please bring a bag of non-candy items for our parade. Send your child in costume and with a change of clothing. Parents may bring a bag of candy to donate to homeless children.

Student of the week:

Brown Door: Christopher Gutierrez

Purple Door: Olivia Carballo

Please bring a decorated poster on Monday (10/17) with family pictures, favorite places to go, food that they like, pets, or add anything that you think will make your child happy to share with classmates and teachers. Have them participate while you are putting it together with them.

Activities to do with your child at home:

Ask your child to clap and count how many syllables are in these words: Orange, ostrich, otter, octopus, onions, opera, ornaments, octagon, and old. Read a book to your child. Ask them these questions: Who are the main characters? What happened in the story? What do you think will happen next?

Quote of the week:

"An owl is the wisest of all birds because the more it sees the less it talks."

- Christie Watson.

Have an amazing weekend!

Ms. Ana and Ms. Nadia

Ms. Marta and Ms. Laura