

10.27.2023

Dear Parents,

This week our topic was Halloween and the letter Ll. We started the week learning that Halloween is a holiday celebrated on October 31st. 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 Ll, and drew pictures to go with the words. They traced both upper and lower case Ll with a pencil, went over it with a marker, colored inside, cut, and put together a lion. For art, the students made witches by tracing and cutting black and green construction paper. They added yellow eyes, hair, and a long nose. We made black cats to decorate our classroom. We also did a ghost craft with shaving cream.

Graphing for the graph this week we did: What is your favorite Halloween decoration?

Journals: In their journals, they did a drawing of Halloween.

Books: 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, and The Lamb Who Loved to Laugh.

Halloween Happening: We had a blast this week with our Halloween Happening! On Wednesday we went around the playground 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, and to the ones who volunteered to help that day with various activities. We started the day by taking beautiful pictures of our kids dressed in great costumes and listening to them tell 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.

Students of the week:

Brown Door: Sebastian Curbelo

Purple Door: Emilia Gimenez

Please bring a decorated poster on Monday (10/30/23) 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.

Quote of the week: "The universe is full of magical things patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper."  
– Eden Phillpotts

Have a "Fa-Boo-Lous" weekend and a fun and safe Halloween!!

Ms. Nadia and Ms. Ana

Ms. Laura and Ms. Miriam