

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2020

Mrs. Wolek & Miss Teagan M/W/F and T/TH Class

Our first month of preschool was very exciting! During September, the children spent much of their time becoming familiar with our classroom routines and happily exploring our toys and materials. They also became acquainted with their classmates as they practiced sharing and taking turns with their new friends.

Giggles were heard throughout our "Little Room" as the children sang and danced to several silly songs together. In order to foster friendships and cooperation, the students also built block towers with each other, created a collaborative friendship mural and participated in several buddy activities.

The beginning of the month was all about apples and the letter Aa! The students strengthened their fine motor skills by using pinchers to "apple pick" pom poms at the sensory table and sharpened their scissor skills by snipping paper to make apple collages. In addition, they color sorted apples and used real apples for apple stamping. We even tasted delicious apples at snack time and talked about which kinds of apples we liked best! The children then enjoyed the book, Ten Apples Up on Top. After reading the story, we all had a blast trying to balance apples on our heads! At our science station, the students had a lot of fun experimenting with apples and other objects to see if they would sink or float.

The book, Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed, was another big hit. As a connection to the story and the letter Mm, the preschoolers made adorable monkey masks. They later used their masks for a movement activity. Our "little monkeys" loved jumping on the rug! The children also spent time manipulating play dough by kneading, rolling and pushing to make pretend "muffins."

Creating beautiful balloon art was another enjoyable activity. The students used circles to make balloon pictures and practiced color mixing to paint big balloons at the easel. These projects helped them to remember that "balloon is for Bb!" We also reinforced the letter Nn by beading necklaces as a craft.

October is filled with fun! The preschoolers will be busy learning and participating in activities involving leaves, pumpkins and spiders! We will be focusing on letters Ll, Pp, Ss and Ww.

