

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2020

### **Mrs. Wolek & Miss Teagan** **M/W/F and T/TH Classes**

As the weather was getting cooler, and the leaves were falling from the trees, our preschoolers were busy exploring all aspects of the fall season. They participated in a variety of seasonal activities that focused on changing leaves, pumpkins and spiders. The students also had a wonderful time visiting The Nature Center, carving pumpkins and showing off their creative costumes!

Leaves and the letter Ll were the highlight of several projects and activities. The children played a leaf matching game that challenged them to identify similar leaves. We also went on a leaf hunt and looked at the parts of a leaf with our magnifying glasses. Even our sensory table was filled with leaves, where everyone helped with "raking" and "bagging!" Additionally, the preschoolers created leaf prints and tissue paper art using fall colors. Color recognition was also reinforced through a new game called, "Pass the Crayons." Tricky colors were black, brown and gray! We will continue to practice these colors throughout the year.

Pumpkins were at the center of many activities that helped us to recognize the letter Pp. Our fun with pumpkins included ordering pumpkins from smallest to biggest and looking inside a real pumpkin to see and feel the pumpkin's "guts." This made for an interesting sensory experience! In addition, the students strengthened their small hand muscles by ripping and tearing paper for a pumpkin art project. They also painted pumpkins using a color pattern.

Spiders were the anchor for identifying and remembering the letter Ss. "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" became a favorite song and finger play for our students. They loved making their own waterspouts with paper towel tubes, and they especially enjoyed being able to "wash the spider out!" We created different types of spider web projects and read books with photos of real spiders in order to learn more about them. Practicing the letter Ww went well with webs and watches! The students colored and wore paper watches around the classroom. Hopefully, they told you, "Watch is for Ww," as they tapped their wristwatches!

With colder weather approaching, we will be teaching the children to put on their coats independently. We'll also continue to practice using the proper pencil grip and identifying and tracing the letters in our names. The letters Tt, Gg, Ii and Dd will be introduced in November along with learning experiences that correlate with the letter sounds. We are so thankful to have such fantastic students and look forward to another great month of learning!

**Happy Thanksgiving**

