

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2020

Mrs. Tracey and Mrs. Bator **Monday/Wednesday/Friday 3 Year Old Class**

We have had a great start to this school year. Your children are doing awesome learning our class routines and making new friends. Routine is key at this age-so they know what to expect.

In September, we worked on recognizing our names in print and writing first names. Their backpack hooks, art supply bin, circle time mat and play dough bags are labeled and are all great opportunities to work on this skill.

Every project done in school is an opportunity to work on grip as they write each letter in their name. In September, we traced our names and in October, we will begin writing on our own.

We worked on letters A, M and B in September and in October, we will do letters N, L, P and S. Have fun with your child each week by going on a scavenger hunt in your home looking for items starting with the letter of the week. We work with your child on writing the letter of the week as well as showing them items that begin with that sound. For example, for "A" we showed them an apple, airplane, ant and ape. We also sing a song that coordinates with that letter plus read a story.

We made apple prints, marble painted and painted with balloons which the children thought was super cool. We learned about the months, days of the week and counting when we do our calendar every morning. We talk about the weather and together observe what the weather is for the day.

In October, we will begin classroom helpers. Every week, we will rotate for these jobs which are "bell ringer, line leader and the caboose". They love getting the responsibility.

We will be cutting pumpkin shapes and seeing what color mixing red and yellow makes. Hopefully we get a nice orange color. We will have orange play dough with Halloween/fall cookie cutters.

We are looking forward to our hike at The Nature Center. Hoping to see a squirrel or two and learn about different kinds of trees and what lives under a log. We will wrap up the month celebrating Halloween with some fun games and activities along with a parade to show off the great costumes (weather permitting).

Please pack extra clothes and a mask in the backpacks. With weather changing, please make sure they are dressed properly for outside time. When driving by Barlina House, take a look at the big window to see your child's projects. They are very excited and proud to point out their projects.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please reach out to us.

