



September 2016 Newsletter

Chatham School House

Director's Corner

As we are enjoying these last days of September, please be sure to have proper clothing and shoes in your child's cubby as the weather begins changing. We are getting our ghosts and goblins ready for our Halloween Parade and Party! After our annual Halloween party, the children will parade in their costumes around the William Pitt Square.



We had a great Back to School Night with our Preschool and Pre-K parents. The children were so excited to put together their folders showcasing all of their masterpieces!

As I look ahead next month, I am excited to begin our Meal Delivery Program! I hope you will consider participating if you have not signed up yet. I think it will be a convenient option for all of us.

We have begun the preparation for our full-day Kindergarten Program which begins enrollment for September 2017! We are delighted for this new addition and will keep you posted as we have more details to share with you.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful Fall!

~ Miss Rima

In Our Infant Room

During the month of September, while it was getting a tad chillier outside, the infants learned all about fall colors and healthy fruit and vegetable choices. Inside we still had plenty of practice utilizing our fine motor skills with water play, paint, and sand. We congratulate new infants for moving all over the floor and welcome our new families. We are looking forward to having a fun year with our friends!



In Our Toddler Room

Hello families! The toddler room has been very busy this month! We started out the new school year learning all about apples. We made colorful apple prints with paint and got messy with cinnamon applesauce playdough. Toddlers also learned about the parts of an apple and that they grow on trees! We have been talking about families including grandparents (grandparents day was September 11) and babies. We are very excited that a few toddler families will be welcoming new members soon! Using baby dolls and our own bodies toddlers are practicing naming body parts. We've been working on our colors, letters A through D, and numbers 1 to 10. Each child has been practicing balancing skills on a balance beam and stepping stones. They're getting pretty good! Wrapping up the month we are learning about sharing, caring, and manners. Using our nice words helps build friendships! We are getting excited for Fall, leaves, and pumpkins next month. Happy Autumn!



In Our Preschool Classroom

The month of September was full of new discoveries! We covered many different topics that lead to incredible discussions. We focused on the letter A the first week of school while making connections to language arts by reading the poem APPLES, we also used unifix cube patterns to create the letter A. Our STEM Activity consisted of building apples structures with tooth picks. We also sang welcoming songs to get to know each other. And we made hand prints for our families. We also worked on color red. We used paper plates to make red apples with red painting. The children also learned numbers one through ten. We used index cards with the numbers written on one side and dots on the other side, at the same time we used manipulatives to represent the number. One of our STEM Activities was putting together a maze made out of straws and predicting how the marble would go through. We are all



In Our Pre-K Classroom

September has been a very busy and fun-filled month for the Pre-K class! We have been doing many STEM activities including building bridges using popsicle sticks and cups, making tinker toys out of paper towel tubes and straws, stacking "Cat hats", exploring geometric shapes, a straw marble maze, and apple STEM activities where we stacked apples to see how many we could stack before they fell, and building with apple pieces and toothpicks! We measured each other using cube blocks, and made a graph of the results. We explored the math concepts of more and less and greater than and less than. We have been practicing our handwriting and spelling skills. We learned to spell many new words including apple, bird, cat, dog, and circle. We also learned about apples and the color red. WE made a list of all the red things in our classroom! We learned about which foods are healthy breakfast foods. We found a lot of healthy breakfast foods in our kitchen in the imaginative play area, and created healthy breakfast plates. We learned about good manners, table etiquette, and being a good friend who cares and shares. We made a friendship tree using our painted handprints. We continue to enjoy our weekly music classes with Big Jeff, and our weekly Yoga classes with Ms. Christine. We look forward to an equally fun and exciting October!



Happy Birthday To You!

- Brandon turned 1 on the 10th
- Miss Rima celebrated on the 23rd



Reminders

- We will be CLOSED on October 10th for Columbus Day.
- Annual Halloween Party & Parade on October 28th



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