



October 2016 Newsletter

Chatham School House

Director's Corner

October has been an exciting month filled with lots of fun and learning. As we approach the end of the month, we are busy preparing for our Annual Halloween Party & Parade. The party is on Friday, October 28th and begins at 3pm with food and entertainment. Your child has been hard at work on their Halloween projects. Please remember to pick it up during the party and take home.



The parade then takes off at 4:30pm around the William Pitt Square. Please let me know if you are attending if you have not done so yet. Please remember, parents and children to wear or bring your costume!

As we all know, Fall is flu season. Please remember to give your child the Flu shot and bring in an updated immunization chart including the flu shot.

Looking ahead in November, we will be collecting non-perishable food items to give to a local family in need. The Giving Basket will be located in the office until November 21st. We hope you can help us in giving back to the community on time.

Finally, our Thanksgiving Feast will be on November 21st at 3pm and we hope you can join us and your child for a traditional family dinner. We will have large tables set up on each floor and it will be a chance to enjoy a thanksgiving meal together and be grateful for our friends, teachers, and families. If you can bring a Thanksgiving dish to share with others that would be great!

I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow at the party!

~ Miss Rima

In Our Infant Room

We started introducing the colors of red, orange, yellow, and green during October when the leaves began changing into beautiful colors. We made black spiders with our hands and glued green leaves on trees. The infants also used cotton balls to make soft, fluffy clouds.



We enjoyed the unseasonably warm weather outside. Inside we still had plenty of practice with creative play as we used toys that can be stacked, pulled or pushed. We used our fine motor movements by playing with musical instruments that babies could shake, pound and press the children were rewarded with delightful sounds. The infants explored sand play twice a week during October for a sensory activity. Everyone loved our songs "Itsy, Bitsy Spider" and "5 Little Pumpkins". Our babies are growing and moving more each week. We are looking forward to seeing all of our friends in their Halloween costume!

In Our Toddler Room

Hello School House families! The toddlers have been very busy this month learning about pumpkins, weather, Halloween and autumn! October started with a lot of pumpkins, pinecones, and colorful leaves. We love touching each of the bumpy and smooth ones in our sensory table. We've been practicing naming all of the fall leaf colors as we paint on leaves, create pumpkins, and roll acorns in paint to make a masterpiece! Toddlers learned about hot and cold with ice and heat packs. Then we talked about what we wear when it's hot or cold outside.



The children practiced singing the weather song. They love to look out the window and talk about what the sky looks like and describe each day. In October we practiced counting up to 10.

They counted pumpkins, triangles, stickers, and spider legs. We focused on letters E, F, G, and H as well and tried to make the letter sounds. The toddlers enjoyed Halloween books like "5 Little Pumpkins" and "Go Away Big Green Monster!" Have a happy and safe Halloween!

In Our Preschool Classroom

October has been filled with many WOW learning experiences! The preschoolers have been engaged in many hands on activities such as a nature scavenger hunt outside where we found different color leaves, stones, bark twigs and acorns. We brought these items back into our classroom to create a graph of all of the different items we found and compare how many we had of each. The preschoolers also had a fun time making pumpkin masks and learning all about pumpkins. You won't want to miss seeing all the beautiful fall leaf wreaths that the children made. We think the best part of October was looking outside our classroom windows and discussing why leaves change color. The children worked on identifying shapes by using popsicle sticks, play dough and unifix cubes. We did a lot of dancing and singing in the classroom, our favorite song this month was "Mr. Golden Sun". Every week we focused on a different letter of the alphabet including E, F, G, H and I. The preschoolers were extremely excited about Halloween week! We read "Anansi the Spider," created our own spiders, spooky ghosts and bats! All the preschool children are ready to explore the month of November!



In Our Pre-K Classroom

Pre-K had a fun filled and exciting October! We went on a nature walk and explored acorns, leaves, twigs and rocks. We learned about rain and the water cycle as well as different types of clouds, wind and the sun. Our letters this month were E, F, G, H and I. We learned how to write them, their sounds and words that begin with each letter. We turned our new letters into fun things like an elephant, a flower, a giraffe, a witch's hat and an ice cream cone! We enjoyed our STEM activities for the month which focused on magnetic attraction using magnets and pipe cleaners, using popsicle sticks to make geometric shapes and much more! Our writing and spelling activities for the month were: nature, pumpkin, fall, elephant, leaves, acorn, flower, sun, rain, wind, orange and Halloween. All the children are doing good writing their own name and we are all working on recognizing and reading all of our friends' names. We continue to enjoy weekly yoga classes with Ms. Christine and weekly music class with Big Jeff. The Pre-K kids had fun decorating our classroom to get it ready for Halloween festivities. Our projects this month included making pumpkins, ghosts, bats and fall leaves. Everyone really enjoyed painting pumpkins for Halloween. We are enjoying talking about our costumes for the Halloween celebration. The children are practicing singing Halloween songs with Big Jeff for the party with all the families. We are looking forward to an exciting November! Happy Halloween!



Happy Birthday to YOU!

Miss Sarah M. celebrated her birthday on 10/21



Reminders

- Giving Basket Collection begins on November 7th
- Thanksgiving Feast will be on Monday, November 21st
- We will be **CLOSED** on November 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving



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