

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

OUR WONDERFUL ONES



A note from our Teachers...

September was a great month of learning and playing. We enjoyed our study of tubes, tunnels, and buildings through several creative hands-on activities.

We hope that you are finding the sign language booklets useful at home. Please ask for one if you did not receive yours. It is *very important* for the adult to always speak the word at the same time the word is signed.

It is such a delight to have previously shy friends come into the classroom with enthusiasm! We LOVE having every "One"!

Happening this month...

In October, we will be welcoming autumn with a study of trees. Our focus question for the month is "What grows on a tree?" with the answers including "leaves", "apples", and "nuts". Our primary finger play/rhymes are *Itsy Bitsy Spider* and *Five Little Pumpkins*. And there will be lots of sensory/creative expression resulting in pumpkins and spiders on our walls (and floor) Friendly Halloween activities will complete our month.

Intentional Teaching Moments...

Literacy/ Language

- Storybooks about trees, apples, pumpkins, and autumn
- Storytelling using puppets and other props
- Following visual and verbal directions to make our own applesauce

Math/ Science

- Hands-on experiences of autumn using all five senses
- Gathering and observing leaves, sticks, and acorns from outdoors
- Exploring a pumpkin, its shape, can it roll?, what does it feel like inside and out
- Cooking with apples

Physical

- Gross motor: obstacle course, balance on a beam, and dancing!
- Fine Motor: painting, puzzles, using an old fashioned apple corer.

Social/ Emotional

- Singing, building things together, and practicing dressing.
- Practicing taking turns, waiting, and gentle hands

Celebrating October Birthdays

Ms. Hillary 10/4 Miabella 10/10 Ila Rose 10/21 and Zachary 10/24