

Preschool News



October 2021

This month our three-year-old classes talked about Fall and the seasonal changes that can be observed all around us. They raked leaves and used wheelbarrows to transport them. They made real scarecrows that sat outside the school doors, as well as paper bag scarecrows to take home. They enjoyed learning about the lifecycle of the pumpkin, and talking about Halloween. They were introduced to the letters D, E, and F, and practiced forming them using the letter sticks and white boards.

The four-year-old classes learned about spiders, bats and Halloween. They spun their own spider webs with yarn and crawled through them. They read the folktale “Anansi” and made a spider out of paper shapes. They took a walk and gathered leaves that were used to make leaf rubbings.

Our Religion topic this month was Creation. The children learned that God created the world and everything in it, and that He wants us to be good stewards of His creation.

The children enjoyed a special Halloween-themed Creative Movement class, where they walked the haunted balance beam, climbed over and under hurdles covered with spider webs, rode scooters around giant candy corn, used the parachute to make the leaves fall, and played spooky Musical Hoops.

Mrs. Harnisch led music classes this month. They sang songs about Fall and Halloween, accompanied by instruments such as the triangle, drums, and the imaginary violin. They especially enjoyed gathering around the large drum and playing to the song, “Hey, Jack!” We concluded the month with a sing-a-long. All four classes joined in a performance that was video recorded for the parents.

The highlight of the month was “Pumpkin Week.” The students painted orange pumpkins at the easel which were then displayed in the hall. They participated in STEM activities that involved weighing the pumpkins using a balance, measuring pumpkins using links and ribbons, measuring each other using paper pumpkins as a unit of measure. They placed different sized pumpkins in water and found that they all float – even the giant pumpkins! They used their five senses to compare and contrast how various pumpkins looked, smelled and felt, and they tasted pumpkin seeds and pumpkin cookies.



