

Highlights of the Week

We began the week exploring parts of a pumpkin. (By the way, we've discontinued pumpkin scrubbing and used that pumpkin for learning parts of a pumpkin.) I cut the top out of the pumpkin and allowed the children to experience pulling pulp and seeds from the pumpkin. The parts of the pumpkin we discussed were: stem, seeds, and pulp.

Our first class estimating exercise was to guess the number of pumpkin seeds in the pumpkin. After asking each child "their number", we counted each seed. There were a total of **237**. I'm happy to announce that **Mila Madhavan** was our closest estimator with the number 261. The next closest was **Samantha John** with 100! Congrats, girls!!

New geometric solids were introduced in the sensorial area. They are **rectangular prism, cylinder** and **ovoid**.

The children were encouraged again this week to become scientists. The concept of sink and float was introduced. They were given two labels - sink/float, then tested each item (by dropping in a container with water) then placed item under the appropriate label.

The "Rainbow Game" was introduced in the math area. This game entails 2 children taking turns rolling dice, counting the dots, then coloring that number on their sheet. Each number should be colored differently - eventually creating a "rainbow". The first to color all the areas on the sheet is the winner.

Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:



"The child making use of all that he finds around him, shapes himself for the future."

Reminders:

- First Marking Period ends November 10th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences *(**No School**, child care provided for FD/EXD students only) November 17th
- Thanking giving break November 23-24th (**No School**)

Home/School Connection

On Wednesday, we said "goodbye" to October - and "hello" to November!

Here's our poem for the month of November:

No sunshine, lots of rain

No warm days, snow again

No bugs, **no** bees

No leaves on trees

We must remember

*It is **NO**vember!*