

Highlights of the Week

Do you remember the pumpkin that the children were polishing last week? It is cut in half now, and the toddlers are having a lot of fun scooping out the seeds and the pulp. Speaking of pumpkins, we did our cooking project this week: Chocolate chips pumpkin bars. The children are very good helpers, they love to stir the mix and they love to smell and to taste the ingredients; some of them can recognize some spices just by smelling them!

The toddlers are learning new skills this week: how to cover their mouth and their nose when they sneeze or cough; how to interrupt politely when someone is speaking. We are practicing every day during circle time and we make sure that they apply the new skills during the day.

New Montessori works introduced this week:

Sensorial area: the pink tower. Iconic work of the Montessori classroom, it teaches visual discrimination, coordination and precision and prepares the child for understanding cubed roots in later math.

Practical life: beside scooping pumpkin seeds, the children are learning how to set up the table and they are practicing bead stringing.

Math: the children are working on sorting leaves according to the shape.

Language: we are reading a lot of books about Fall and we are teaching the children the words “trick or treat” and “thanks” to prepare them for Halloween! We are also reviewing the letters sounds that we have learnt so far.

Dr. Maria Montessori Words:

“One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child. The child who concentrates is immensely happy.” M. Montessori

Home/School Connection

Chocolate chips pumpkin bars

- 2 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 1-1/2 cups chocolate chips

Mix dry ingredients, add the wet ones, then the chocolate chips. Spread on a 9x13 pan and cook at 325 for 30 min. Enjoy!

Reminder:

- Halloween (No PM Kids Club) October 31st
- First Marking Period 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)