

### Highlights of the Week

Our daily routine is getting busier as our countdown began this Monday- How many days to Halloween?

Our favorite this week is sink and float. It's like magic, how come big banana, a pumpkin, an Orange, even an apple is floating and small grape, baby carrot is sinking? Children begin to learn about the concept of weight by experimenting with various objects that will sink or float in water. Their vocabulary list will add new words like Density, heavy, light, predict, sink and float.

Our Gardeners are learning about lifecycle of pumpkin-stages that a pumpkin goes through from seed to become full grown pumpkin.

In practical life and sensorial area, as an extension to our pumpkin, we had dissect a pumpkin to learn about parts of a pumpkin and explored through our five senses, namely-tactile, sensory, visual, olfactory and auditory.

Leaf rubbing-A leaf print is much more than just a pretty picture. It is also a peek into the science of trees. It's a way to talk about the changing seasons. We see so many beautiful leaves covering the ground that we are drawn to capture both their shape and hue on paper. Leaf rubbing brings out leaf details, giving us a closure look at nature.

Children are also learning about left and right, how to be safe during Halloween by discussing things which are safe or bad choices and counting and matching different objects with Halloween theme.



#### Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:



*"It is our object to train the child for activity, for work, for doing good, and not for immobility or passivity."*

Maria Montessori

#### Home/School Connection

As I mentioned above our favorite activity is sink and float. You may use different object at home and ask your child to predict and then find out whether its sinking or floating. I am also sending a worksheet home; please send it back with your experiment result.

*"Carry a flash light, Walk, don't run Stay on side walk, stay in familiar neighborhood. If no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic. Approach only houses that are lit."*

Have a happy and safe Halloween!!!!!!

#### Reminders:

- 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**)