

### **Highlights of the Week**

October is a great month. Apples are ripe, pumpkins are ready to be picked off the vine. Our students are exploring and learning with hands on experiences.

**Science:** Children are natural explorers and are filled with curiosity. To develop their creativity and to use nature as inspiration, willow students are exploring inside of a pumpkin.

**Art:** This week in art area we are doing leaf collage, paper pumpkins, painting pumpkins with small brush. To gain sensory experiences with the natural environment we are doing finger paint in all fall colors. Children are taking nature walks to explore trees.

**Language:** This week children reviewed phonetic sounds b, c and a. They also learned words that starts with these sound. We are reading Halloween books. For language development we are also naming objects in a jar.

**Math:** Tracing sand paper numerals with finger tips is also being introduced this week. Children are counting and sorting leaf shapes.

**Practical life:** Children are choosing their own activities from the shelf. As educators, we encourage and assist all children to try to build their confidence and self-help skills by choosing their own activities from the shelf. When finished they are always encouraged to pack up their own activity with assistance and support. These small and simple exercises help building confidence, independence and discipline among young children. They are also working on button frames, spooning and stringing exercises. In self development, they are also learning shoe skills. Children are practicing lots of hand washing, dressing and undressing themselves.

**Sensorial:** children are working with knob cylinders. These exercise helps them visually discriminate sizes and shapes. Please do not forget to file your Childs nails weekly. It is very important for their health and safety.

#### **Dr. Maria Montessori Words:**



*"It is true that we cannot make a genius. We can only give to teach child the chance to fulfill his potential possibilities".*

#### **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

#### **Home/School Connection:**

Take pumpkin and orange. Ask your child about the differences and similarities between these two fruits. Cut both fruits. let your child count seed inside them. For sensory experiences let your child compare the taste of these of these fruits.

Walk with your child outside and ask them about the colors of leaves.

