



# Discovery Zone Gazette

## Infants Know All Their 5 Senses!

During September, the first theme was Back to School. The children practiced language and communication by singing songs such as "Wheels on the Bus" and used cognitive skills by painting apple palm prints, which they really enjoyed! Infants also got to use an apple to roll around and/or reach for to practice physical development as well.



During the next two weeks, the Infants learned about the ABC's and 123's. The children were very busy working on social and language development by reading books and singing songs such as ABC, Read with Me, The ABC's, Water Babies Counting and " 5 Little Mon-

key's". The Infants also got to enjoy finger painting letters and numbers using various colors. For their physical development we practiced sign language and counting different objects such as toys and body parts.

Next, the Infants learned about colors. The children enjoyed the story Little Quack Loves Color and practiced physical and social development by finding various colors around the room, including the different color outfits worn that day. The infants enjoyed a sensory experience by finger painting different colors on a piece of paper. It's very interesting to see the many different ways they enjoy to paint whether its using just one finger or us-



ing their entire hand.

Lastly, the Infants learned about the five senses. The children enjoyed reading a series of books called 5 Senses and Head and Shoulders. The Infants also got to smell and use sensory skills as they played and felt applesauce. During cognitive play the children studied faces and practiced finding eyes, nose and mouth.

The month of October will be full of fun activities. The class will start out by learning about Autumn and the different seasonal changes. Then we will continue the month learning about pumpkins, ghost and end with Halloween! We look forward to seeing all of the costumes!

## Discovery Zone Learning Center

### September 2010

#### Important Dates:

- 10/8- Fire Truck visit
- 10/11&12-No School- Fun Days
- 10/15-Preschool Field Trip
- 10/21-Special at 11

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## Toddlers are Nuts!

Toddlers would like to wish Audrey and her family great success in their new home with their new baby. Audrey celebrated her second birthday on September 4th, good luck with all, we will miss you!

The first week of September the theme was the five senses. The children tasted a lemon, salt and vinegar chips,



cool whip, red and green peppers and sweet pickles.

They also listened and tried to identify various sounds such as train, airplane and horns. Using their sense of smell they chose which scented cotton ball they liked best, vanilla, orange or lemon.

During an apple theme, the Toddlers made apple crisp,

applesauce, counted apple seeds and made an apple puppet.



Next, the theme was squirrels and acorns. The children found acorns that were hidden around the room, they made bubble wrap print acorns and made a squirrel with a bushy tail using leaves for the tail.

## Toddler Cont.

The last week of September, the children made leaf people, sponge painted leaves and made a leaf puzzle.

In October Toddlers will learn about many different themes. The



class will explore pumpkins inside and out and enjoy have a theme of 'Black and Orange' where the children will finger paint black cats and squeeze orange juice. Toddlers will also have another "Spooky" week where the children will make

silly costumes.

Our Halloween Party will be the 29th.

The children will enjoy dressing up, playing games and making a very special snack.



## Preschool B Got Lost in a Fairytale!

Our four themes for the month of September were, Fairy Tales, Back to School, Farm Animals and Numbers.



During the fairy tale week, Preschool B read five Fairy Tales. The children used fine motor skills and listening skills to make a beanstalk. Preschoolers worked on cutting skills by cutting out goats and painting them. They also had a sensory experience painting prince frogs with toothbrushes, cotton swabs, straws, popsicle sticks and yarn.

To bring in the new school year, Preschool B continued learning with the theme of 'Back to School.' The children learned how to use pencils by

following multi-step directions. They learned how to use a ruler by drawing lines to create shapes, then worked on cutting skills by cutting on those straight lines. The class also put their brains to the test with an ABC's and 123's activity where the children found the missing letters and numbers.

During the third week of September, Preschool B enjoyed a farm animal theme. They made a variety of animals all while working on skills. Condensed milk cows to participate in a sensory experience, cotton ball sheep to work on cutting skills, farms for creative expression and marshmallow pigs for a yummy treat. During morning circle Preschoolers also worked on using positional words and observation with two fun games.

During the last week of the month, Preschool B focused on numbers. The children counted leaves to create trees and worked on writing skills by writing numbers in the number book. Preschoolers also made wallets and counted 'money' to put in them. The children worked on number recognition by playing hop scotch. They also enjoyed the guessing jar, where they guessed how many M&M's were in the jar, and then got to enjoy eating them!



Preschool B's themes for October are Fire Safety, Apples, Scarecrows and Halloween.

We would like to welcome Lillianna and her family to the classroom and wish her a very happy birthday.

## Preschool A Knows All Their Friends!

During the month of September, Preschool A learned about life on the farm, all about me and back to school, apples and two weeks filled with fall fun!



Many farm animals were made during farm week such as chickens, pigs, cows and baby chicks. The children used fine motor skills to make all these animals by cutting, gluing, and painting. To use sensory skills, the children painted

with vegetables such as cucumbers and peppers. To exercise their imaginations they were asked to create barns using the wooden blocks in the block center.

For the second week of September, Preschool A had a week on getting to know each other and back to school. The children practiced writing using markers to trace their addresses. The children really enjoyed playing the 'Guess Which Baby' game. Thank you for all the baby pictures brought in! A project called share and compare was

also done, where the children compared hair color, eye color, and handprints to their friends.

During the 3rd week of September, Preschool A jumped into a theme about apples. To practice fine motor skills and sensory the class painted with apples. Math skills were also used as the children painted apples on a tree, then counted them.



## Preschool A cont.



Preschoolers built observation skills as they compared and contrasted apples while using their 5 senses. The children compared two different kinds of apples and apple sauces with their textures, colors and more.

For the last two weeks of September, Preschool A had a fall theme! The children learned a variety new, fall poems and finger plays. They also used fine motor skills they made leaf rubbings, painted with pinecones and acorns and rolled corn in paint to make pictures. To practice spatial awareness the children made people using leaf shapes, take a look on our bulletin board.

For the month of October we will learn about fire safety, pumpkins, family and Halloween.

Happy Birthday to Lucas!



## Welcome to our Kindergarteners!

September was filled with many fun things! The kindergarten class learned about friends and back to school, apples, leaves and farm animals.

Kindergarteners learned all about the friends in the class and worked on social skills by bringing in some favorite things to share. The children worked gross motor skills by playing back-to-school twister, as well as ABC hopscotch! Last, the class made name plates to work on letter recognition and excite creativity by writing names and decorating them.



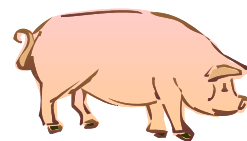
The second week of September was spent explor-

ing apples. For fine motor development the children laced apple cards. Science skills were built as the children explored the interior of apples finding the star. Each child got to see and taste four different types of apples. Then they worked on math skills by making a bar graph with unit cubes. Kindergarteners enjoyed a sensory cooking experience while making caramel apple monsters!

For the third week, Kindergarteners jumped right into leaves! The class went on a leaf walk to find leaves used for creating leaf creatures. Also, "Handy Leaves" were done by tracing their hands and decorating with leaf like colors. For science exploration, the class discussed veins in leaves and used glitter to

make leaves with veins. The children loved comparing similarities and differences among the leaves on the playground!

The last week of September was all about the farm. Kindergarteners learned about what animals can be found on the farm. They enjoyed following two step directions and acting like their favorite farm animals. The children counted the spots on cows and practiced making words and oinking like a pig when they were real.



For October the kindergarteners will learn about fire safety, Earth science, pumpkins and Halloween.

## Center News

- Please remember to change out your child's extra clothes in their cubbies- the weather is changing!
- Plastic Grocery bags: all classrooms could always use some for messy clothes that have to go home!
- Please remember to label your children's items.
- Remember to sign your children in/out everyday.
- Parents, please remember to provide utensils for lunches.
- Our Halloween Parade will be Friday October 29th at 9:15. Parents may come to watch if they would like. If you can not, there will be tons of pictures taken!!
- Pies/Cookies Orders are due November 29th.
- Sick policy- Just a reminder to read over our medical and illness policy in our handbook, under forms at [www.discoveryzone.info](http://www.discoveryzone.info). These up and coming months are unfortunately the times of illnesses. Following these policies and our staff cleaning the center will help to keep the children as healthy as possible.
- New sign in/out procedure coming soon! Keep your eyes peeled for a notice home with all the info!







