

~ Toddlers ~

Hello Sprout Families!

We have enjoyed the past couple of weeks of exploring all things, Autumn. It has been fun to watch the trees change colors, crisp air in the morning and leaves fall from the tree, crunching and pulling apart and talking colors of leaves we see. We have jumped into sensory play in our fall themed sensory bin with apples, leaves, baskets and gourds.



Last week we made applesauce in our classroom. We washed and dried the apples, peeled the apples and the toddlers got to explore the peels by touching and tasting. Lastly the teachers cut the apples and mixed in cinnamon before placing in the crockpot to cook during our morning play. By snack time, the applesauce was ready and cooled for the tasting!

Rounding out our Autumn theme has included painting with tempera paints, choosing colors of the leaves we have seen outside, red, green, yellow, orange and brown. Sprouts also painted with leaves and sticks and gluing with fall-themed paper, as well as, dobber art outside. With the unseasonably warm weather, we even enjoyed another picnic lunch. A special treat included a gift from the Kati which was apple donuts from the Preschool field trip to the apple orchard. We also tasted cider and worked on pouring into glasses ourselves.



Exploring pumpkins, looking at the insides, touching the wet seeds was another fun sensory exploration. We continued our pumpkin theme during the end of the month of October. Fine motor "spider web" and sticky bug traps, and read Five Little Pumpkins for storytime.

In the month of November the theme will be Farm and Harvest. Spirit-ed Sprouts will explore foods, flavors and talk of family as well. In November we do have a new friend that will join our class Lavell. Lavell is currently visiting the toddler room and will join us early November, please help us welcome Lavell to Sprouts!



Lastly, we will be transitioning to a new format of communication of the day-to-day interactions of your child. This is in an App called Tadpoles. Tadpoles allows teachers and parents to communicate, you will get updates through the day, such as diapering, meals, activities, pictures, etc. We will continue to move forward with our Daily Note (soon to be renamed Daily Mention) to provide teachers with helpful information about your child, such as, how they ate, slept, who may be picking up, etc for the time being as we become more familiar with Tadpoles. As we all become more comfortable with the app we can use Tadpoles to provide such information in the future.

Happy Fall!

-Sue and Robyn