

# ~ Toddlers ~

Hello Sprout Families and welcome to October!



We had so much fun this month learning about our community and each other's homes and families, that we didn't even notice September flying by! But October does bring so many new and fun things to see and explore, so we aren't too sad about it!



In September we had so much fun learning about our homes and communities! We loved playing in dramatic play and pretending to run a farmer's market! We loved using the cash register and loved exploring putting the money in our bags! We also had so much fun painting boxes to look like buses and driving them around "town"! We also filled bags with yellow paint and took turns painting the school buses by pushing the paint around in the bag! We loved the texture of it!

We had so many fun art projects this month and loved exploring with paint and all types of utensils! One of the class favorites is our family wall! We love to gather around it and talk about our families, find ourselves, ask about others families, and most importantly make sure everyone knows that "ITS MY MOMMY". :)



We also got to get out into our community around Bloom and see different houses and even the fire station! We talked about all the things we saw on the way like grocery stores, gas stations, schools, restaurants, houses and parks! We all have similar things that we can relate to and loved pointing them out to friends!



In October we are going to dive head first into our Fall Harvest theme like it is a big ole pile of leaves! We will explore the farm, apples, leaves and pumpkins each week! Fall is full of the best colors and items so we will be taking advantage of those things and will be doing lots of sorting this month, by color, shape, size and other attributes that we notice! You will also see us work on some life skills, like slicing apples with a toddler safe knife (VERY well supervised) and raking leaves. We will also spend sometime working on our gross motor skills by balancing things on our head, and our planning and cognitive skills with STEAM activities! We will also end the month with some cooking skills by making applesauce! We are also going to create a little corn pit here for the toddlers to play in since they can't yet accompany the preschoolers to the Apple Orchard!



This month our Virtue is perseverance. This is a HUGE part of being a toddler, as they learn what they are capable of and trying to push their skills to new levels. We will encourage children this month to try on their own first, before having a teacher help, especially when it comes to self care tasks like taking shoes and socks on and off, pulling up pants and putting on coats. We teach all the kids the coat flip, so ask a teacher if you want to see that so you can try it at home too! We will also be introducing some trickier puzzles and games that will require the kiddos to use their



planning and executive function skills. They will need to work on managing frustration to keep going and being successful! One important thing about perseverance with toddlers is that there will always be a teacher near by encouraging and cheering them on! We want children to try and succeed so they don't get overwhelmed and dejected. Our goal is just for effort, not perfection and we are always there to step in to help our kiddos out!



This month we will say goodbye to Lakaii as he heads off to Preschool and Charlie as he heads off to a new center that is closer to home. We will miss them both, but once a Sprout, always a Sprout! :) We will also welcome Grayson and Ellie up from infants at the end of the month.



We are so excited for another fun filled month with our favorite toddlers! Thank you for being in our class!

- The Toddler Team