



WCA Preschool Times



October 2, 2023

Last week there was fair chatter, as expected. It's such a fun time of year for our small community! We talked about pets, caring for them and what the most important things are that they need from us. As we chatted during large group, I wrote what pets need on the board. It was a good discussion! We finger painted with primary colors and then mixed them to make secondary colors. The kids enjoyed using their fingers to mix the colors. Their color wheels turned out great! It's going to be a dry week, so we should be able to get our leaf rubbing books done finally. From past experience, drying the fall leaves off in the classroom makes them brittle and they crumble when the kids try to do the leaf rubbing. It should be perfect this week for the activity! The caterpillars are getting so big that we can hardly keep up with the amount of milkweed they are eating. This week we should start seeing them form a chrysalis! We have 18 healthy caterpillars, so I'm hopeful we will have 18 monarch butterflies to release in a few weeks. We will start our pumpkin jack experiment that will take roughly 6 to 8 weeks to complete. We will watch the process of the pumpkin decomposing in a sealed glass jar. It's pretty cool! The month of October we will be turning our focus to harvest and fall. It is happening all around us as we watch the leaves turn color, crops being harvested and seeing our breath in the crisp fall air. Some of the activities I have planned this month are counting with pumpkin seeds, painting with corn on the cob, carving a class jack-o-lantern, dissecting and labeling a pumpkin, apple stamping and seed counting, exploring Orbeez in our sensory table and having a corn stalk and soy bean plant with roots at the science table. We will also have a few fun Halloween projects that will make for cute decorations at home. It's going to be a fabulous October!

Areas of Focus

Fall Harvest



Literacy and Language



- Books: *The Tiniest Pumpkin*, *Colors*, *The Legend of Spooky the Square Pumpkin*, *Tractor Mac Harvest Time*, *Pumpkin Jack*
- Alphabet Linking Cubes
- Apple and Pumpkin Alphabet Matching

Focus Words

harvest * grain * autumn * combine * produce

Math and Science

- * Sink or Float?
- * Pumpkin Seed Counting
- * Apple Math Matching
- * Fall Tree Cork Painting
- * Pumpkin Jack Experiment



Important News

➔ REMINDER! Picture day is on Wednesday! Preschool will have them taken in the morning before we have our outside time. ☺ Please, send your kiddo in their preschool shirt.

➔ This week looks like it will start out with nice temperatures, but we could see rather chilly weather by week's end! Please, dress your child in layers because we will be outside. ☺

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