



Montessori Academy

OF CHAPEL HILL

CHILDREN'S HOUSE 1

In October, our kids learned about shapes, circles, triangles, squares, and rectangles. In the last week of October, Children House#1 celebrated Halloween. Our kids enjoyed carving their own pumpkins and painting them. They also played a game of "Mix and Match Pumpkin Patch".

In November, our kids learned the letter "g" along with its phonic sound. They made geese as an art project. Thanks to our parents for sending green beans, grapes, graham crackers, and gummy bears as snacks. We're enjoying the Fall weather and colors!

Thank you for your support,
Mrs. Soma and Miss Jessica



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The Toddler Room



Fall has arrived! Our toddlers have painted pumpkins and used fall leaves as stamps. We've also learned six signs so far this year: more, all done, thank you, clean, help and milk. You can use these at home, too. Ask your child or any of our teachers to show you how.

We revamped our work cycle. On the rugs, children move around and choose their works. At the table, the children sit and the works come to them in rotation. Lunchtime we now eat together family style and practice signs, conversation and manners. On Fun Fridays, teachers are taking turns bringing a group snack and there's a weekly Friday dance party.

In November we'll be celebrating 31 days of Kindness. Miss Casey made a new bulletin board on which parents and teachers can leave kind notes. Throughout the month the class will be doing kind things for others. You can reinforce this at home by involving students in writing notes and showing appreciation for the class kindness.

As we move into the colder season we suggest you bring in a set of warm change of clothes. Quick reminder: please label all your child's items that come to school. Thank you as always for sharing your child with us.

Smiles, Ms. Casey, Ms. Suzy and Ms. Marissa

CHILDREN'S HOUSE #2



Emily Makes a Goose (above)



October began with a three day week of botany. We used Montessori leaf works and Lois Ehlert's book Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf to learn about seeds, leaves and trees. For Wednesday mathematics we played a set game with our leaf identification cards.

Science Thursdays are part of our weekly alphabet curriculum. In the last month, we've studied and made art projects about clouds, digestion and eggs. For F, we did observations and experiments with freezing. We have many new science books in our classroom and Miss Maria continues to share books from her daughter's collection, for instance Sylvia Long's An Egg is Quiet. We invite you to share your favorite educational books with us, too.

Fun Fridays are also part of our weekly routine. Two Fridays in a row we had birthday celebrations. The last Friday in October we bobbed for apples, made rice krispie treats, and read Oscar and the Very Hungry Dragon, a funny book about a dragon who becomes a "foodie". Miss Hayley incorporates music and learning games into other Fun Fridays and also on rainy days. Sometimes we repeat songs and games that Miss Sharon teaches us in music time. Ask your students about Tony Chestnut. As well as keeping harmony when we can't go outside, these activities build coordination, cooperation and gross motor skills.

Remember we go outside every day! Usually in the morning and again in the afternoon. We know our students like to make their own aesthetic choices, but please make sure they have layers suitable for Autumn weather and shoes for running and climbing.

Miss Hayley and Miss Maria

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