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Carnival Thanks

What a carnival it was! The night was beautiful, the event was incredibly well organized, the silent auction and raffle were overflowing with prizes, and the Mystery Theater was, well...the Mystery Theater. Thanks to everyone for covering shifts, baking treats, donating prizes, setting up, cleaning up, being an appreciative audience, bidding on prizes, and everything else that you did to make this a successful carnival. A special thanks to Jennifer Reiner, DeAnn Nevison, Cheryl Lasek and crew, Martin Giacalone, Akie Clark, Angela Wong, Suzanne Schultz, Elissa Katz, Jamie Hancock, John Conrad, Tanya and Sean Weber, Megan Kimball, Bill Glover, Erik Larson, the Seed staff and all of the parents who helped make the carnival happen. We will let you know the totals when we have them available.

After School News

In October, we brought witches, pumpkins, skeletons, and monsters to life, thanks to Emily

and Nancy. They have been a great asset to after school and the kids have loved all the activities they have put together for them. We also have two student interns from South Mountain High School, Mahogany and Dangel, joining us for the rest of the year. If you see them be sure to say hi and introduce yourself. With Halloween behind us we are ready to celebrate fall with leaf print paintings, turkeys, puppets, and other projects. The toddlers are busy singing songs, blowing bubbles, and enjoying the nice weather out on the playground with Jenna and Mila.

Save the Gate

Last week within two days, five children were observed climbing on the gate to try to open it or ride on it. Please help us save money for the Seed by reminding your child not to climb on the gate. The extra weight on the gate weakens the hinge and requires that we keep repairing or replacing it, which is expensive.

Love and Logic

The Love and Logic workshop series is set to begin on Tuesday, November 2nd. The sessions will be held from 5:30-7:00 p.m. each Tuesday in November. See this link for details: <http://www.awakeningseedsschool.org/wp-content/uploads/files/LL-Fall-2010.pdf>

Toddler 1s

Sarah/Meryl/Danielle

Our class loved the visits from Harry the Halloween Fairy last week. Each day he brought us something to look at, play with or explore. Our favorites were the book, the huge pumpkin, and the play dough. The pumpkin was heavy to carry but rolled around the room easily. The play dough was a new activity for many of the children. We also got messy making candy corn art decorations for the carnival. It was great to see so many families at the carnival. Thanks for working a shift and helping to make the event a success. As a reminder, please do not send Halloween candy in your child's lunch. Thanks!

Toddler 2s

Jamie/Lyndsy

Pumpkins, bats, and ghosts! OH, MY! We survived the hectic week before Halloween with only a few frights. Now we will finish up our shape study. Check out the kite hanging on the wall in our classroom. We now know it is a diamond shape! When we took a closer look we discovered that a diamond looks a lot like a square because it has four sides that are all the same. Just rotate a square a little to one side and a diamond appears like magic! With only two shapes left, we will study the star next week.

Preschool 2.5s/3s

Carly/Melanie

This week flew by! We received a surprise each day from Harry the Halloween Fairy, completed our owl decorations for the carnival, carved a pumpkin, and even made pumpkin soup! We also finished up our sport study with bowling. The kids loved modifying this sport by bowling with recycled goods. Way to be GREEN!

Another exciting event was the "birth" and release of our five butterflies that the kids appropriately named: Emma, Erik, Jamie, Gary, and Astraea. We hope they will come back and visit us next week while we work on planting our garden!

Preschool 3s

Kevin/Katie

Phew, what a week! Amid the holiday excitement, our study of the five senses began with lots of smell and taste. Did you know that when you smell, "your nose sends a message to your brain"? We'll notice more messages to the brain, this time focusing on the ones from our eyes and hands. Optical illusions, color panels and binoculars will engage our vision, while preschoolers anticipate feeling what's inside mystery boxes. Into the garden we go this week to transplant our brussels sprouts, sunflower, squash and parsley seedlings. Thank you so much for your participation in the carnival!

Preschool 4s

Deb/Billie

The preschoolers added a few new terms to their butterfly vocabulary including PUPA and PROBOSCIS as they continue to discuss, and act out, the life cycle of the butterfly (in English AND Spanish). In addition to keeping a tally of daily monarch sightings, the children watched caterpillars transform into butterflies. Next week, we'll see monarchs up close as we travel to the Desert Botanical Garden to see the Mariposa Monarca Monarch Butterfly Exhibition. In the outdoor area, recently planted vegetable seeds quickly sprouted along with a bed of flower seeds designed to attract butterflies. Many thanks to Jenn Michaud for conducting the first Art Masterpiece session of the year!

PreK

Emily/Tatiana

Could a Tyrannosaurus Rex fit in our classroom? How long is a Stegosaurus? These and more dinosaur measurements entertained us in the hallway and classroom last week as our study took off. We dug for and counted dinosaurs like paleontologist, illustrated our own fact books, and recognized rhymes in dinosaur books. This week we look forward to a lesson done by our ASU intern, Dana; estimating and then measuring how many of our footprints fit inside a T. Rex footprint; and adding three new words to our word wall: loft, love and we.

K-1

Kerri/Michelle

Now that Halloween is behind us, we will focus our studies on the life cycle of the butterfly, in anticipation of our field trip to DBG on Wednesday. A true or false book about butterflies has helped us learn more facts about this interesting insect. We'll also read and talk about dia de los muertos with Diane during Spanish. In math we are measuring our height with unifix cubes and perfecting our skip counting skills. Family stories are abundant during journal writing time. We'll elaborate on the drafts we've written and finish our family posters with photos and illustrations.

1st/2nd Grades

Becky/Dina

Nina lugged a beautiful large pumpkin into our classroom that her family had bought for us. This led to estimation lessons in math about the number of lines in the pumpkin and the weight and the circumference. The children thoroughly enjoyed making our jack-o-lantern decorations for the carnival. Our [Time for Kids](#) focus this week was about the results of the recent oil spill. Anna Blocher-Rubin led an inquiry based science lesson based on oil and water that helped us make connections and considered our prior knowledge. Our next Westchester Care Center trip is November 19th. We do need drivers.

3rd/4th Grades

Aimee/Kaylee

The third and fourth graders have been hard at work on their next big project. Each student

Mark Your Calendar

Veterans' Day

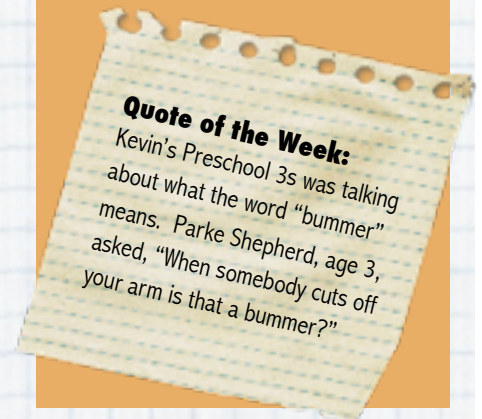
Thursday, November 11th
no school

All-School

Thanksgiving Feast
Wednesday, November 24th
11:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thurs/Fri, November 25th/26th
no school



has written a narrative from the point of view of the lead character from his or her [Dear America](#) book. They are also designing and gathering period-appropriate costumes. Our next step is to film the children acting out their scenes and compile them into a "History Channel" special. We will culminate the project with an in-school matinee for the children in the other classes, and an evening premiere for friends and family. All will be welcome, so look for flyers in the hallway soon!

November Birthdays

Luke Araktingi
Phoebe Anderson
Tobie Dunlap
Elliott Johnson
Jacob Jordan
Alejandro Solis
Ryan Look
Zeek Coyle
Maggie Kruschek
Lexi Bella
Brenden Skaggs
Myles Carter