

Noticias de la clase de Kinder



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Dear Parents,

We had a week full of events! The children had a great time visiting Westwood on October 27th. They learned how to make apple cider in a real ancient presser and learned about the different leaf shapes and names. We also had the opportunity to see a puppet show. The story kept the children excited and laughing the entire presentation. It was also nice to see that a ton of vocabulary we learned in the classroom like, seasons, parts of the trees and planting a tree, came very helpful. To our amusement the presenters also used lots of Spanish words!

Thank you so much to Lisa Firth, Elise Chinavare, Amy Williams, Jennifer Chism and Rachel F. for volunteering to come with us!:)

On October 28th we visited the Hennepin Recycling Center. The presenter there spoke to the children about the importance of the 3 R's. She also showed the children ways to recycle paper and plastic bottles. She also said that it takes 700 years for mother earth to recycle one small plastic bottle! The children were encouraged to tell other people how important is to take care of our environment. Our students were allowed to come to the collection site and it was very amazing to see the piles of garbage they collect during the day. They have amazing machines pushing the garbage to the sides while there were also specialists sorting all the items that can be recycled.

Thank you Amy Goetzman for volunteering to come with us!

On the 29th, Mayra Hernandez came to set up the altar of "El dia de los muertos" with the children. It was a great learning experience! Mayra brought special artifacts from Mexico and many materials for the children to really see how an altar is made. Thank you Mayra for teaching us how to make "Papel picado" and bringing a treat for all the kids!

October 30th was our Halloween party and it was filled with surprises! The children enjoyed each one of the centers that allowed them to construct a paper flower, a bat, and most importantly a cape with the letter of their names on the back. The parent volunteer talked to the children about being a hero/heroine in somebody else's life. We will be talking about role models in our own lives and how important it is to do good things for other people. This activity was great to get us started in this unit!

During the party the children had games like pumpkin-ring-toss, and pin the pumpkin. They received pencil prizes and had delicious healthy treats for snack. The room looked so beautiful, full of amazing balloons and decorations! I was so happy for the kids, they really had a great time! :)



Thank you so much to Pat Post, Lisa Firth, Trixs, Elise Chinavare, Cases and Jennifer Chism for the amazing time. Thank you Jennifer for organizing everything! I believe it was a perfect party for our little cherubs and they will remember it for a long time :)



Coming up...

November 3rd, Picture re-takes

November 6th— PTO Family night.

November 15th—Barnes and Nobles (10:00 AM—9:00PM)

November 17th—Late start (regular day for Kindergarten PM) Also Mc Donald's night.

November 24th— Isla PTO meeting (7:00PM)

November 25th—Teacher workshops (no school)

November 26th-27th Thanks-giving break.

December 3rd—Report cards go home.

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Language— We read many Halloween stories and worked on learning the name of each letter of the alphabet. We also paid emphasis on the sound each letter makes. Please practice with your son/daughter the first letter of their names in Spanish. During dinner perhaps you can ask them about the sound of the first letter of your own name or members of the family. This week we will be working with the book “The giving tree” By Sylvester . Lots of emphasis will be paid on learning to write our first and last names. New vocabulary will be introduced through a TPRS (Total Physical Response Storytelling). We will also focus on the words “ ¿Cómo?, ¿Cuándo?, ¿Dónde?, ¿Por qué?, ¿Porque?, ¿Cuánto?, ¿Cuántos? ¿Quién?, ¿Quiénes? (how?, when?, where?, why?, because, how much?, how many?, who? (singular), who? (plural))

Science— We discussed the parts of the trees, symmetries and importance of recycling. This week we will use what we learned last week and continue working on the tree unit. We have great tree puzzles that the children will be able to put together while naming each part.

Math— We continue counting in 10's and 5's. Please ask your student to teach you how to count in Spanish. When you go out with them ask them for numbers they see. In the winter the malls have lots of numbers in each store. It is fun to go to the map in the mall and tell the children the place you are looking for and the number you and they need to find. Eventually they will be able to tell you in Spanish this year.

We will be working on writing numbers and recognizing them out of order (1-50)

IB— Our IB unit was about being “audaz” and trying new things. I think with all the field trips and amazing activities they were exposed to, the children were very “AUDAZ” to me :)

Our “ El Día de los Muertos” Altar

