



ECRC Newsletter

Fall 2017 • November

Dear Families,

As we close out October, we are thankful for all of the fun opportunities that we had this month. The children were thrilled to have a visit from JumpBunch, as they loved jumping, bouncing and stretching with Coach Maureen. We also had our annual Halloween parade, where the students got to wear their favorite costumes! Take a look at some of the photos below, as well as the additional Halloween page, to see all of the fun and smiles.



Halloween Parade

ECRC Curriculum

With many students interested in community helpers, such as firefighters and construction workers, we begin November with an exploration of the many members of the community and how they contribute and help our neighborhood. We will also discover how important and special our families are as we approach a holiday of family togetherness, Thanksgiving. Some of the books that we are reading are:

- [Froggy Goes to the Doctor](#) by Jonathan London
- [Alphabet Under Construction](#) by Denise Fleming
- [Career Day](#) by Lizzy Rockwell
- [Thanks for Thanksgiving](#) by Julie Markes

If you have any questions about our curriculum, please do not hesitate to ask us! ☺

-Keely O'Connell

Updates from our Associate Director

Final Fall Tuition Due Date

- Monday, November 20

Like the Early Childhood Research Center (ECRC) Facebook Page!

Our Facebook page includes with daily happenings at the center, photos of the children, resources for parents, and activities to do at home with your child. Please don't forget to follow our page. Thanks!

- Corinne Eggleston

Upcoming Events & Reminders

- **Picture Day**
Monday, November 13 and Tuesday, November 14. More detailed information was sent by email.
- **Visit from Explore & More!**
On Monday, November 20, the students will be making graham cracker houses! We are looking forward to this fun event ☺
- **ECRC Closed for Fall Recess/Thanksgiving**
We are closed Wednesday, November 22 through Friday November 24.



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Our Favorite Activity

There are pumpkins everywhere in our classroom, from the writing center to the sensory bin. Pumpkins are now full grown and have provided us with many fun play opportunities. One of our favorite activities has been writing on the pumpkin with a dry-erase marker. This activity encouraged students to hold a marker and practice writing his/her own name on the pumpkin. There are many different ways to make writing fun and the pumpkins provided an engaging and motivating environment. Below, check out Tyler and Leo practicing their writing.

- Miss Alice, Miss Wei and Miss Ashley

Happy Birthday to...

Nathan – November 1
Janice – November 22
Muhan – November 29



Bingchen creates prints using Indian corn.



Nathan uses sponges to create his own unique pumpkin!



Tyler, Leo, and Christopher love washing the pumpkins with the student intern before playing with them!



Daniel observes the "pumpkin boat" floating in the water.

Colette crawls through a tube in JumpBunch!



Good Luck Miss Ashley

We are all so excited for Miss Ashley to welcome her new baby girl, Olivia, into the world. While we are sad to see her leave us for some time, we are happy that she will be spending some much-needed time with her new addition. Miss Ashley's last day at the ECRC will be Tuesday, November 21. Please join us in congratulating her and wishing her family well!



Our Favorite Activity

We use our five senses every day to describe and discuss our observations. This month we integrated many fall scents into our play: we made pumpkin spice play-dough, applesauce oobleck, and we dug right into our pumpkins to sort out the guts and the seeds. All three of these activities fostered foundational scientific skills, while encouraging development of fine motor skills. Take a look at some of our friends, Nour, Beau, Everett and Nora, playing with and investigating these activities.

- Miss Norline, Miss Diana, and Mr. Dan

Happy Birthday to...

Linneae -- November 13
Brigetta -- November 25
Nour -- November 29



Nora digs into the pumpkin with a spoon!



Try this at Home

Shaving Cream

Our students have been loving the sensory experience of playing in shaving cream. Shaving cream is easy to play with at home! Put some on a table, cookie tray, or even in the bathroom and encourage your child to draw or write in it. If your child doesn't like to get messy, give them a q-tip to write with instead like Linneae!

Rosaria jumps from circle to circle with both feet!



Linneae practices writing her letters in the shaving cream.

Ryan begins his Visual Arts project on Vincent van Gogh.





ECRC PM Preschool

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Our Favorite Activity

Our classroom is really becoming a community. We have been focusing on building relationships, encouraging students to initiate play, extend play, and begin to collaborate with their peers. Socio-dramatic play fosters many opportunities for children to participate in small group activities together, as they rely on each other to enhance their pretend play. Our students have been loving our pumpkin farm in and outside of the classroom, as they help each other drive to pick up the pumpkins from the farm, and buy and sell the pumpkins. Below, Muhan and Rodrigo drive with Miss Paige to pick them up from the farm and Peyton does the heavy lifting!

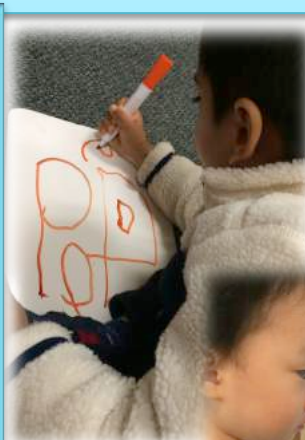
- Miss Paige & Miss Brianna

Happy Birthday to...

Janice – November 22
Muhan – November 29



Muhan loves partner poses in yoga!



Try this at Home

Sorting

Sorting and classifying are important concepts for young children's early math and science learning. Encourage your child to sort items at home, whether it is legos or blocks, based on different properties such as color, type, or shape.



There are many opportunities for writing in our classroom. Juhu and Akhilles work on writing a 'P' for pumpkin, while Lucas and Janice write in the writing center.

Our Favorite Activity

This month, we began our visual arts project with Miss Keely! In visual arts, we reimagine and reinvent famous pieces of artwork. We are now investigating Vincent van Gogh's *Starry Night*; each week, we add more detail and dimension on to our own canvases to create our unique interpretation of the night sky. This project allows us to discuss topics such as color mixing, creating shades and tints, and different techniques using our paint brush. Our students are very creative! Ask them about their artwork at home, but don't expect to get too many details, as our final reveal will be a surprise! 😊 Below, take a sneak peak at Nolan and Madeline's artwork.

- Mr. Stanley & Miss SJ



Our classroom is immersed in writing and literacy. We are working on writing our names, like Anthony, and recognizing letters, as Audrey is!

Try this at Home

Shape Hunt

There are shapes all around us; we just have to look. Encourage your child to find and identify shapes when on a walk or at the store. This activity will encourage your child to think about the properties of each shape that they find!

Owen loves to use the hole punchers, as he pretends to be a bug eating the leaf.



So many fun pumpkin activities: we like to write on pumpkins, hammer golf tees into them, and sell them at our pumpkin patch!





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Happy Halloween!

