

DECEMBER, 2015

Sprout Academy

M/W/F/ 3's Class

Teacher Erin

Dear 3's Parents,

We have been doing lots in the classroom over the past month! In October we learned about all things Fall from apples to trees, we talked about all the changes that happen in Fall and what they mean. We also had some changes in the classroom as we welcomed our new aide Yael who started the last week of October; she has been a great addition to our Sprout Community.

Our theme for November is "Learning from the World Around Us". We have been learning a lot about weather, starting with the water cycle and why it is important for our environment. We have been playing with soap clouds, observing tornados in a bottle, and performing many experiments!

Also in November we began our letter curriculum. Each week we learn about a new letter, the sound they make, what words start with that sound, and do all sorts of crafts and activities with that letter!

As you can tell we have been very busy learning and having lots of fun along the way!

Best Wishes,
Teacher Erin

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Circle Time

During October and November our circle times focused on learning how to tell what the weather, season, and day of the week is. We learned that we can use trees to determine what the season is based on what the leaves are doing. We decide what the weather is by looking at the clothes we wore to school by asking: "did we wear tank tops and flip flops or boots and jackets?" And we have been learning the days of the week by singing our days of the week song.



DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 26-27

No School: Happy Thanksgiving!

DECEMBER 21

Winter Break: Last day of school is December 18th; school is back in session January 4th!

NEED TO REACH ME?

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If you know your child will not be able to come to class due to illness or other conflict please let us know!



MORE CLASSROOM NEWS

Experiment Fun!

We have been having lots of fun this month performing several weather experiments! We performed a "rain in a bag" experiment to learn about condensation, precipitation, and the water cycle. We had lots of fun making predictions about all the crazy things we thought might happen. And with the help of a bowl, some water and food coloring, and shaving cream we discovered how rain travels through clouds and makes it way to the ground!



Visitors in the Classroom

We had our first visitor this month! Robert Rodriguez of Raleigh Hills Dental came to help teach us about good brushing habits and making healthy choices for our dental health. The whole class enjoyed learning about how teeth we have and what we need to do to keep them healthy. We have more visitors planned starting in January!

FINAL NOTE

We have had so much fun this month! More exciting things will be coming next month including our seasonal fundraiser "Welcome Boxes for Foster Kids"! More information and fliers will be coming your way soon! I hope you have all had a lovely November!

Best Wishes,
Teacher Erin



UP COMING NO SCHOOL DAYS

NOVEMBER 26TH

Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER 27TH

Planning Day

WINTER BREAK

December 21st-January 1st