

Dear Sprout 3's Families,

We have had a lot of fun in the month of November in Sprout Academy! We have been exploring a farm and harvest theme, with lots of fun hands-on activities! The kids have especially enjoyed singing, dancing, and cooking together! As the weeks pass we are all enjoying getting to know each other better and forming a stronger classroom community.

FALL FUN!

In spite of the many days off in this last month, we have found the time to dive into learning about fall, farms, and the harvest season!

At Halloween time, the kids were so excited about pumpkins that we extended our learning about them into the beginning of November.

We learned about the five senses by exploring the inside of a pumpkin with our eyes, nose, hands and ears. We incorporated taste by baking pumpkin seeds together. The kids had a great time practicing



early literacy skills by helping read the recipe, and even more fun eating the finished product!



We got ready for Thanksgiving by learning about corn and turkeys. We discovered a lot of uses for dried corn! The kids were fascinated to learn that, unlike the pumpkin, corn cobs have the seeds on the outside. We tried sprouting the seeds in water, and rolling the cobs in paint to make patterns on paper. Finally, we got to use our recipe-reading skills again by popping corn still on the cob! For our final day before Thanksgiving, we celebrated with turkey songs and crafts, and each child shared what they were thankful for!

Our class has continued to enjoy our exploration of the great outdoors in Gabriel Park! We capped our farm and harvest unit by hiking all the way to the community gardens on the other side of the forested area. It was an accomplishment to be proud of! In future months, we may spend more time there, and have pickup at the end of class from

our community garden plot instead of from the classroom on some days. I will give you a couple of days of notice when this is planned, so keep an eye out for emails!

SKILLS WE ARE WORKING ON

It was wonderful meeting all of you for parent-teacher conferences and checking in about the social skills all of the threes are working on.

- Holding on to a ring when we go for walks. To stay together in a group, we have a walking rope with ring-shaped handles. Staying on the same ring for the whole walk, and keeping their bodies to themselves, are skills we are working on to make our walks even more fun!
- Writing their own first initials on art projects instead of having a teacher write names. Most of our kids are doing a great job with this!



It's exciting to see how quickly all our students are gaining both independence and teamwork skills! Thank you for all the help and encouragement with these skills!



IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Our Harvest Walk was a great success. Thanks to the families who were able to make it! In the next month, the dates to keep in mind are:

Thanksgiving Break: No School on November 23rd-25th.
Class resumes Monday Nov. 28.

Winter Break: No school Monday, Dec. 19 – Monday, Jan. 2. School Resumes Tuesday, Jan. 3.

I wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Love,

Teacher Jacquelyn