

## PANORAMA RIDGE MONTESSORI

### NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

October and November was full of fun. Thank you for participating at the Halloween party. Children had fun dressing up and celebrating with friends.

In October we learned all about farm animals and pumpkins. We learned names and sounds of different animals. We then directed our discussion on cows and where milk comes from. We discussed about the process of milking. We also were busy guessing how chocolate milk can be made from plain milk. Children had a lot of ideas about this. Later, we took the topic to discuss nutritional needs of the body and how milk played a role in making us healthy. With Halloween approaching this was a perfect thing to talk about as we later discussed on how much candy was enough.

The best book that we read during our animal theme was "Too much noise". We greatly appreciated your participation on our field trip. The children were thrilled to see the commercial processes of milking and the things that are done to get milk in the jugs ready to drink. They were thrilled to get a chance to actually milk a cow. Field trips are great ways to learn. We also had fun touring the pumpkin patch on the same day. We carved the pumpkins later in the classroom.

We got lucky with the good weather on our field trip. Right after that we have been singing "rain, rain go away" but somehow it is not working. Since it does not stop pouring, we thought it may be a good idea to learn something about the rain. Our topic for the month of November was "water cycle".

If you noticed in our classroom we have an illustration about the water cycle. We learnt how the sun heats up the water from the seas, how clouds hold water and when rain falls. We talked about how different temperatures can bring rain and snow. We also talked about how destructive water can be many times during floods. We learnt how water freezes into ice and can melt into water again. We got a chance to look at how vapor is formed when water boils. We used an inhaler in the classroom to demonstrate water vapor. The children were amazed learning how the water cycle works. To back up our studies we used different art techniques. We painted with ice and saw it melt right before our eyes. While studying how destructive water can be we let the colored paper soak with water and they saw the effects. Our most enjoyable art was when we played "ice hockey" with Popsicle sticks, ice and paint. Oh what fun!

The month of December is dedicated to a “secret” book. It is topic that we randomly chose because the children find it hilarious. We can’t tell you much because we are directing a play that the children will perform during the Christmas breakfast. I hope everyone can make it.

We are hosting an Open House to show off our school on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm and Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> from 12-3pm. Please let other people know as we will be accepting registration for January 2010 and September 2010 at this time.

We are also planning to have “summer camps” on various topics throughout summer. We need to know how many children will be interested in attending. If you think your child will attend please let us know. Summer camps will be open for others as well who are not currently attending preschool. This event will be dependent on participation. If we do not have enough children we will not proceed with this. In order to avoid disappointment, please let us know as soon as possible. We will announce the weeks, topics and fees shortly.

We are collecting toys for our “Toy drive” for Christmas. There will be a bin in the classroom starting now to December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation during school events. Together we can make learning a fun experience for the children.

Regards,  
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