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Week of October 23, 2017

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# Preschool News!

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October is flying by!!

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## Intergenerational Fun!

This week we started our intergenerational fun by sharing puzzles with our resident friends. The kids moved from resident to resident working different puzzles. On Tuesday we had fun building with Duplo blocks and were very lucky to have a spontaneous piano concert. This led to a dance party! The kids began dancing and the residents smiled and clapped. They loved watching the kids dance so much that some of them decided to join in. It was a great moment of happiness. On Wednesday we decided to play with playdough. This is something that our students do all of the time. They love it and it helped so much with fine motor development. The residents enjoyed it too, and it helped them to loosen up and strengthen their hands. On Thursday we read the book, *The Dot*, which discusses making your mark in the world. Then we colored our own small and large dots with the residents. Finally on Friday we had two fun intergenerational moments. First we discussed feelings and we read, *How Do Dinosaurs Say I'm Mad*. Then we used dinosaur lacing cards to sew a string through holes in the picture. This was another fun way to work on fine motor skills. Later on Friday another guest piano player came to do a student/resident sing along by playing some traditional childhood tunes. The kids enjoyed singing and entertaining our residents with some more dancing. Lots of smiling going on at Jill's House!

## Projects

I tried to encourage the study of spiders last week with no takers! This week we will have a visit from a fireman because October is Fire Safety Month. I am hoping that Community Leaders might prove to be great project topic!

## Free Choice

Check out the link in the parent resource portion too see what loose parts play is all about!!



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## **Important Announcements**

- **Halloween is Tuesday 10/31. We will not be dressing up because some students are sensitive to this, but we will make fun masks in class and will “trick or treat” upstairs with the residents.**
- **Our next day off of school will be November 7, Election Day.**
- **Thank you for the donations, I am still collecting:**
- **Water or Gatorade bottles**
- **Paper towel rolls**
- **Squeezy apple sauce or baby food pouch lids**
- **Milk carton lids**
- **Egg cartons**

Thanks!!

## **Parents Resource**

Check out this great link to explain loose parts exploration which is a big part of the Reggio Emilia curriculum.

<https://www.communityplaythings.com/resources/articles/2015/loose-parts>

## The Weekly Gallery



