

Preschool News!

Happy Halloween!!

Intergenerational Fun!

We started this week by playing shape and color Bingo with the residents. We also enjoyed reading some good old fashioned Nursery Rhymes. This was especially fun for the residents because they could recite them along with us. On Wednesdays we explored patterns with a fun book about cars and a car pattern game. Thursday we were so lucky to have a visit from Lt. Paul Ford from the Ellettsville Fire Department. He gave us a wonderful presentation about fire prevention and safety. He brought all of his gear to show the kids what a fireman looks like when he goes into a fire. This was a great presentation for the kids because it helped them to understand that a fireman is not scary. They are there to help and protect you. That way in the unfortunate event of a fire, a child will not run from a fireman. The kids enjoyed the presentation and participated in it as well. It was a great experience for the residents as well!

Projects

After our adventure with the fireman we talked a lot about what firemen do, what tools they use and the parts of a firetruck. We made a fire man craft, read some books, and made a diagram and labeled the parts of a fire truck. I am hoping that this might lead into a community helper project. This week we will have *Cookies with a Cop* and the Police chief, deputy chief, captain and a few officers will be visiting Jill's House. They will also bring a police cruiser for the kids to see. This will be in Thursday, 11/2. I will get an approximate time from the ladies at Jill's House so we can plan to allow other students who do not come on Thursday to visit again. I think that this worked well this week with the fireman visit.

Free Choice

We had an awesome time painting firetrucks, pounding golf tees into pumpkins and building marble runs. The kids also enjoyed dancing and putting on puppet shows. It was an awesome week of fun!



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.**
- **Let me know if you would be interested in Subbing for our program! It would require some online professional development, but could be a fun experience!**
- **Thanksgiving Break is 11/20-11/24**

Parents Resource

This Saturday I went to the SCIAEYC conference and saw an amazing and inspirational Early Childhood educator named Robin Murphy. She is an advocate for child-centered, play based classrooms. Please check out her message and learn more about play-based learning at: www.ooevgoevy.com

The Weekly Gallery



