

Preschool News!



Intergenerational Fun!

This week we started with some Halloween fun! The kids had an awesome time Trick or Treating upstairs with the residents. The residents set up different stations in the living room and dining room and the kids had fun visiting and getting treats. We did this both Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday we changed gears and brought up some paper towel rolls, pipe cleaners and straws and made interesting sculptures using our fine motor skills to help us strengthen our hands. This was out of the ordinary, but the residents and kids really enjoyed experimenting and creating. I will detail Thursday's events in the project section below, but on Friday we had fun counting and playing with dominoes.

Project Fun

On Thursday we had the great opportunity to host Police officers from the Bloomington Police Department at Jill's House. Our amazing cooking staff baked dozens of cookies and we enjoyed sharing them with our officers by participating in a program called *Cookies with Cops*. The residents, police officers and students enjoyed sitting together in the dining room talking, sharing stories, asking questions and eating cookies. It was a great experience for all of them. After we left the dining room some officers took the students outside and let us get inside a squad car and see how the sirens and light work. It was a great extension and learning experience. I am interested to see if the students continue to show interest in continuing our study of community helpers.

Free Choice

One of our nurses upstairs was kind enough to donate some fun items to the preschool. She brought in two small little tykes climbers that have been put to great use outside, and two fun exercise bikes for inside. The kids have created all kinds of fun dramatic play scenarios! They are having a blast. They also enjoyed decorating masks and capes for Halloween fun. They have also enjoyed art, blocks, marbles, and so much more!!!

Important Announcements

- **Tuesday, November 7, is Election Day; we will not have class on Tuesday.**
- **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

I am in the process of collecting some books that offer great parenting advice, developmental stages of your child, activities, and trends in education. I hope to have a lending library ready for you by Winter Break!!

I would love to have your input, so if you have any titles that you would like to share with our families, let me know and I can add them! ☺

The Weekly Gallery



I will send more pictures as the week progresses. My computer and connection will not cooperate! I am sorry for the inconvenience!! 😊