

Dear Parents,

Please dress your children for the weather. We will be outdoors on most days. Simple mittens give your children success when dressing themselves and allow small hands to manipulate shovels, pails, and handlebars.

We had a wonderful time celebrating Halloween. On Monday and Tuesday your children decorated ghosts with stickers and markers. On Tuesday the 4's visited and we sang songs together and then had a Halloween Parade for the mesmerized 2's. It was a very fun day!

We also carved our very own real jack o'lantern. The children helped decide which shapes to use and enjoyed scooping out and touching the insides. Using the senses of touch, smell, and feel the children explored the pumpkin, its pulp and seeds. This experience provided a nice opportunity to introduce descriptive language. We put the pumpkin pulp and seeds in our compost worm bin. It will be fun to see what happens!!

In addition to the beautiful leaves on our tree, now there are also squirrels scampering along telephone wires. The squirrels are painted with sponges and dot art markers. Perhaps inspired by the squirrels, your children love to practice balancing when we are in the playground or walk around the church. We also have a fun squirrel song:

Gray squirrel, gray squirrel shake your bushy tail.
Gray squirrel, gray squirrel shake your bushy tail.
Wrinkle up your little nose.
Hold a nut between your toes.
Gray squirrel, gray squirrel shake your bushy tail.

Books we read this week include:

What is Halloween, Harriet Ziefert
I Want That Nut, Madeline Valentine
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, Laura Numeroff

Our thankful words before snack:

Thankyou for the world so sweet.
Thankyou for the food we eat.
Thankyou for the birds that sing.
Thankyou for everything.

Wishing you a good weekend,
Andrea, Meegan, and Kate







