

Dear Parents,

REMINDER: There is no school on Monday, November 11th, Veterans Day.

We have begun a thorough investigation of fall leaves, with special attention paid to the leaves we see all around the school. Our walks to the playground are filled with observations and discoveries of leaves of many shapes, colors and the sounds we hear when we walk on top of the leaves.

In addition, the children watercolored leaves in autumn shades of red, orange and yellow. Now that the apples have "fallen" from our class trees, we have gorgeous watercolor leaves festooning the tree. We also created colorful trees with tissue paper and made a leaf collage on the field with the yellow class on contact paper. Our leaf collage is hanging in the classroom.

We also enjoyed reading books about fall leaves this week. We read Steve Metzger's *When the Leaf Blew In*, which tells the story of what happens to a barn full of boisterous animals when a leaf blows in and makes the cow sneeze. Another favorite - and very appropriate for our own leaf hunt - was *We're Going on a Leaf Hunt* (also by Steve Metzger).

A favorite song we sing is All The Leaves Are Falling Down (to the tune of London Bridges), your children can teach you the words.

Last Friday we tossed pumpkin pulp and seeds from our Jack O Lantern into the worm bin. This week before we opened the worm bin we made predictions/guesses about whether or not the pumpkin pulp would still be there or not. It turned out the worms ate all the pumpkin pulp over the weekend! Never underestimate the power of compost! Let us know if your kid(s) mention the word "castings" when they are talking about worms. It's the fancy word for worm poop.

It was so nice getting a chance to visit briefly with all of you. Thanks so much for carving out time on a busy weekday to chat. We hope you got a good sense of all the fun we've been having, and of just how happy, busy, and utterly delightful your children are.

Wishing you a good long weekend,

Leslie, Meegan and Tara







