



Going forward in **November** our children will be learning about “Pumpkins”.

Pumpkins! The very word sends excitement and joy to our little ones. 😊 In particular, we will explore:

1. Colors and shapes of pumpkins
2. Pumpkin as food
3. Parts of a pumpkin (parts of a fruit)
4. Life cycle of pumpkins

Character Education – Gratitude

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, we are going to delve into the concept of “Gratitude”. As a matter of fact, being grateful is one of the key ingredients to being happy! 😊



Cultural Occasions

We will celebrate the following cultural occasions in November:

1. Thursday, November 11th, Veteran’s Day (School is closed)
2. Thursday, November 25th, Thanksgiving Day (School is closed on Thursday & Friday)



Activities/Events in November

1. Gardening project: Friday, November 5th & Thursday, November 18th
2. Cooking project: Friday, November 12th
3. Share and Tell: Monday, November 15th
4. Field Trip: Friday, November 19th
5. Decorating Christmas Tree in the Park: Wednesday, November 24th
6. Walk around the neighborhood: Thursday, November 4th and Tuesday, November 30th

Looking back in October, our children had so much fun examining “Leaves”!

We conducted a nature walk to observe all kinds of leaves in nature – leaves of different colors, sizes, and shapes. Our little ones enjoyed picking up leaves with their own families and shared their collections with our class. It was heartening to see them gathering in front of our display board, gently touching the leaves with great affection and fascination!

We also delved deep to find out the various parts of a leaf, as well as the following topics:

1. As a part of plants, leaves like to follow sunlight (phototropism)!
2. Leaves are the kitchen for plants, they make food for them through photosynthesis!

Wow! Leaves are so important, we love leaves! 😊





Character Education – Sharing is Caring

Through roleplay, books and discussions, our little ones are guided to share with one another, to take turns and to care for each other.

Activities/Events in October:

On Friday, October 8th, our children had a great deal of fun making pancakes with sweet potatoes and starch. Not surprisingly, they had even more fun eating the sweet pancakes they had made! 😊

On Monday, October 11th, we had our October “Share and Tell”. Thanks to all our families, we had a very rich collection of leaves for our children to observe, touch, and appreciate!

On Friday, October 28th, we had our field trip to Boggini Park. It was so nice to see all our families interacting with each other and having a good time together! We started off with a potato sack race, then moved on to various activities: balls, frisbees, and a rocket launcher. Stomping on the launch pad, seeing rockets soaring high into the air, our little ones couldn’t stop laughing and screaming with great excitement! This game is by far the most popular among our children, and their laughter and giggles brought big smiles to the faces of all the adults!



On Friday, October 29th, dressed in our Halloween costume, we had a parade in our neighborhood. During the parade, our children knocked on the doors of five of our neighbors. “Trick or treat?” They asked. They were so thrilled to see their baskets gradually filled up with all sorts of candies, sweets, and fruit! We are so grateful for our wonderful and generous neighbors for their continuing support!



Montessori Wisdom

Teaching of the Child

“The teacher must be quiet and passive. Waiting patiently and almost withdrawing herself from the scene, so as to efface her own personality and thus allow plenty of room for the child’s spirit to expand.”

-Mari Montessori, Absorbent Mind, p. 240



Montessori Quote & Manifestations

“We call an individual disciplined when he is a master of himself, and can, therefore, regulate his own conduct when it shall be necessary to follow some rule of life.”

-Mari Montessori, *The Montessori Method*, p. 78



Announcements

1. Welcome Ms. Alma Jimenez (Bella's mom) who will join our team as our Spanish Teacher starting on Monday November 1st, 2021.
2. Welcome Ms. Laura Luo (Alessio's mom) who will join us as a volunteer supervising our children during our morning free play time, starting on Monday November 1st, 2021.
3. Welcome Ms. Christina Haynes as our volunteer who works 3 afternoons a week (3-5pm).
4. We plan to decorate a Christmas tree in the park in downtown San Jose on Wednesday, November 24th. More details will follow.

Gratitude

1. While we appreciate and cherish the support of all our families, we would like to especially thank the families of the following students in the months of September:
 - 1) For snacks/food/fruit/Toys/School Supplies:
Ai-An Truong (school supplies), Alessio LaVallo (pumpkin), Annie Nguyen (fruit & snacks), Emma Pham (food), Vincent Nguyen (toys)
 - 2) For participation in and help with our field trip: *that is all our families!*



Reminders

1. November 2021 tuition is due by **Friday, November 5th**. To avoid any late payment fees, please make the payment before this date. An invoice will be sent to you soon.
2. To help parents keep track of school activities, all school events are posted on the Montessori Compass Calendar (view all events): <https://montessoricompass.com/app/events>

