

CLASSROOM CHRONICLE

October, 2020

Project Early

Foxborough, MA

CURRENT EVENTS:

It has been an amazing start to the school year! The children are all wonderful and the classes are already becoming inclusive communities. The children are learning the expected behaviors, daily routines and the new normal with masks and social distancing. We are so impressed with how well most have adapted to these changes. Participation and independence are increasing with each passing day, which is so exciting to witness! Friendships are forming and everyone seems to be adjusting nicely.

Speaking of friendships, we are just beginning to read and talk about friends, being kind and having caring hearts. Some of the children are making connections and seeking out these familiar friends to play with throughout the day. Others are more interested in the toys and will play with anyone who happens to be there, which is to be expected. Some of the books we'll read about friends are A Rainbow of Friends by P.K. Hallinan, Tumble Bumble by Felicia Bond, Little Quack's New Friend by Lauren Thompson, Bear's New Friend by Karma Wilson and You Will Be My Friend! by Peter Brown. The children will make pictures and bracelets to give to their friends. We'll continue working on sharing, turn taking and using kind words.

For the remainder of the month our unit of study will be Trees. Some of the things we will learn and explore about trees includes-

- the parts of a tree
- different types of trees
- who lives in trees
- what food grows on trees
- what are some uses for trees



As part of the tree study we will also be studying the changing season and how that impacts trees. We'll read Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf by Lois Ehlert, paint with red and yellow to discover a new color. After reading We're Going on a Leaf Hunt by Steven Metzger, we will take a walk outside to observe how the trees are changing and collect different parts of the trees (leaves, acorns, pinecones, bark, and twigs.) We'll put these treasures into the sensory table for the children to explore up close with magnifying glasses. At the art center, we'll try painting with pine needles and acorns. Raccoons, squirrels, birds and owls are some of the animals we will learn about as part of our tree study. Fruits that grow on trees will be the food focus for this theme. To further celebrate the autumn season, we will have lots of fun with apples. The children will enjoy making playdough pies, cookies, and muffins in the "bakery." We'll learn the finger plays, *Five Little Apples*, *Gray Squirrel* as well as a couple of leaf and tree songs.



DATES TO NOTE:

- October 1-Picture day
- October 12-No School/Columbus Day
- October 29 & 30-Halloween pajama parties (more information to follow!)

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH:

Morning Class

- Robbie-26

Afternoon Class

- Ayaat-3
- Luis-27



LATE BREAKING NEWS:

Thanks to everyone who sent in wipes, hand sanitizer, tissues, and salt! We appreciate it so much!

With the cooler weather **please remember to label your child's outdoor clothing!**