

HORSE ROOM – am class

Our trip to Curtis Orchard was a huge success. The children enjoyed being together outdoors. Thanks to the chaperones for helping make this a relaxing trip for the teachers. Last week we enjoyed designing and carving our classroom pumpkin and singing songs about pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns.

We added pumpkin scrubbing, corn table, and a nature tray to our classroom. We are preparing for the addition of food preparation in November.

We have begun a unit on the solar system. We started by learning about stars and constellations. We even made up our own star pictures. We learned that a shooting star is not a star at all. Next we talked about our favorite star – the sun. It gives us heat, light, and energy.

The children are increasing their vocabulary and have been heard using the words constellation, horizon, Milky Way, and meteor. We are now adding planets and dwarf planets.

We will be taking a trip to the Parkland Planetarium on November 8th. There we will see a show called *Sun, Moon, and Stars* in which the youngest stargazers are introduced to the spinning Earth and the night sky, plus pay a visit to the Moon. It is always a favorite field trip. Our three chaperones have already been chosen for this trip.

Also in November we will be having a Thanksgiving celebration. On Tuesday, November 20th we are asking each child to bring in one piece of fruit to share. Your child will peel, chop, or slice their fruit and add it to a large bowl. We will then have a fruit salad for group snack.

Also, please be sure to sign up for a conference with your child's morning teacher. Conference day is Friday, November 9. Thank you.

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