

FAMILY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2022

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Promoting reasoning, respect, and responsibility, reading, writing and arithmetic.

Instructional Corner

October was a SENSATIONAL month! Students in all classes have been exploring their five senses: TOUCH, TASTE, SIGHT, HEARING, SMELL. In addition, autumn exploration is the ideal backdrop to our SENSES unit.

Classrooms were full of fall items including pumpkins, leaves, acorns, scarecrows and apples. Students explored the textures, colors, tastes, and feel of fall.

All classrooms had their very own pumpkin to open and decorate. Students smelled, touched, and saw what was inside of the pumpkins. Some classrooms used paint, while others carved their pumpkins.

Children were immersed in activities that activated the five senses. Art and math activities included geometric shapes and texture (sticky, smooth, bumpy etc.) Scented paint added a sweet twist to classroom canvases. Homemade slime in science allowed students to explore the chemistry of mixing ingredients and how each changed to the touch. Music, handmade instruments, sounds of the city and animal sounds filled our ears. Mystery boxes tested the sense of touch as students guessed what was in the mystery box by how it felt.

As we look forward into November, students will be discussing the all about US theme unit. This unit examines all the things that make each of us unique including our backgrounds, languages, family & friends. Students will be engaged in activities that highlight the uniqueness of each of us and highlight the importance of giving, sharing, and accepting.

Family Corner

- As your little ones have gotten the hang of their school routine, it is a great time to begin toilet training. It is recommended that children are potty trained by the age of 3 and so it is a great time to begin the process. Please reach out to our staff if you need any support, and also to notify your child's teachers in order to encourage your efforts during the school day. We are confident that your dedicated effort will be successful!

- Flu season is well underway. We want to remind families that ALL enrolled children must have a flu shot as well as updated medicals. Please ensure that your child's school file is up to date.

Free Family Fun

- **NOV 4: Children's Museum of Manhattan** – Free Fridays 5p-8p
- **NOV 5: Fall Family Day: String Fling** – Carnegie Hall 12p-4p
- **NOV 5: Seaport Kids: Pumpkin Decorating** – South Street Seaport 12p-3p

Upcoming Dates to Remember

11/8: ALL PROGRAMS CLOSED – Election Day – Staff PD

11/11: ALL PROGRAMS CLOSED – Veteran's Day

11/17: VIRTUAL FAMILY WORKSHOP – Setting Boundaries/Creating Structure

11/18: PICTURE DAY

11/23: ALL PROGRAMS DISMISS @ 1:00pm – Fall Festival

11/24 – 11/25: ALL PROGRAMS CLOSED – Thanksgiving Break

Pyramid Model

As your child has gotten adjusted to school routines, mornings before school may still be a struggle. Below are some tips for SUCCESSFUL MORNINGS:

- Use a visual schedule with items such as photos, clipart, or objects that shows your child the steps in his morning routine
- If your child has trouble waking up in the morning, it might be because he is not getting enough sleep at night. Set a consistent bedtime and stick with it
- Plan ahead. Use your bedtime routine to plan for the next day together.
 - Lay out the clothes your child will wear
 - Pack his backpack
 - Discuss the morning routine, show him pictures and talk about the day ahead
- Give your child some power over his morning routine by offering reasonable choices. For example, "First, get dressed. Then, you get a choice! Would you like to have cereal or pancakes for breakfast?"
- Include bonding time in your morning routine. Time to read, bathe or snuggle will help your child feel loved and calm as he begins his tasks for the day
- Encourage your child. When your child completes a task and follows the routine, provide positive and specific encouragement

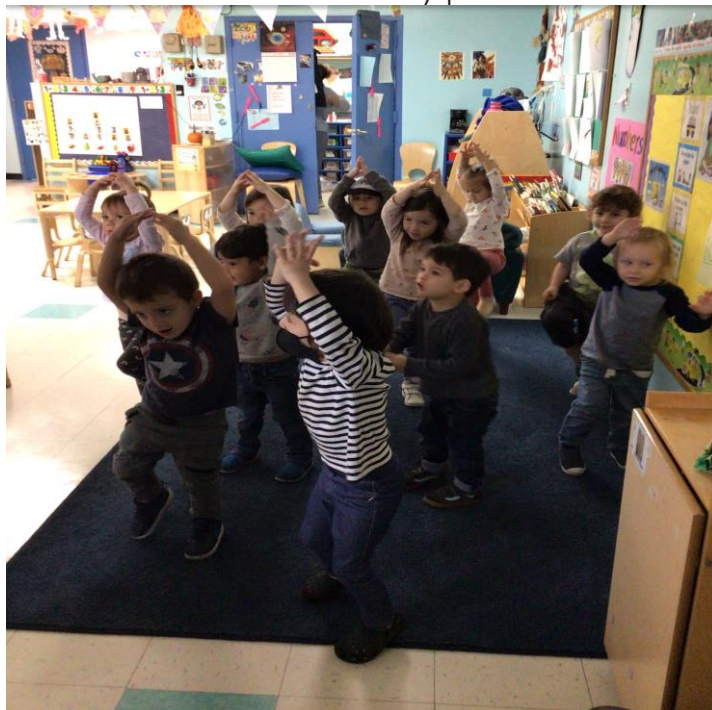
ROOM 201: Ms. Monica,
Ms. Jeannette, Ms. Jullian

Class 201 had fun learning all about their five senses this month. The children made super listening ears and enjoyed hearing the different noises outside our classroom.



ROOM 202: Mr. Michael, Ms. Maria,
Ms. Susan

In October the theme for Room 202 was our Self. Here we are moving various body parts to do yoga moves during the week when our focus was body parts!



ROOM 203: Ms. Annette, Ms. Eliza,
Ms. Briana

The children in room 203 are learning about colors and shapes. They created a collage with different shapes. We are also exploring how things feel to the touch - sticky glue and soft foam shapes.



ROOM 205: Ms. Maggie, Ms. Diana,
Ms. Jasmine

Using our 5 senses to explore fall harvest.



ROOM 303: Ms. Mita, Ms. Caitlin

Pumpkin painting! 303 worked as a group to decorate the classroom pumpkin.



ROOM 304: Ms. Jamika, Ms. Nicole, Ms.

Kaysie

Pumpkin seed count -Our friends were asked to estimate the amount of seeds that were in the pumpkin. We estimated "a lot". Each student gathered seeds. Here is how many each found: Billie – 20, Lyla – 17, Vincent – 20, Mateo -21, River – 5, Len – 5, Skye – 7, Ramona- 22, Penelope - 1



ROOM 305: Ms. Brandi, Ms. Antonia,
Ms. Latifa

This month we learned about our 5 senses! In these pictures we used our sense of touch to make texture collages!



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ROOM 301: Ms. Gina, Ms. Ines, Ms. Cathy

301 had a special visitor (Arihaan's mom) to share Dawali tradition with us – Ms. Geshu! We learned about this festival of light and how light shines within each of us! We shared crafts and treats.



ROOM 302: Ms. JooMee, Ms. Danielle, Ms. Zakia

Our class made maracas/shakers while learning about our sense of hearing!

