

Risso Review

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Important Dates

- October 13th - Parent Council Meeting at CSPA
- October 23rd-24th - No School (Comprehensive Student Reviews)
- October 28th - Mother Goose Olympics & Milk and Cookies - Starting at 2:00 *Parent attendance required for this event
- October 29th - Picture re-take day
- October 31st - Halloween Party
- November 6th - Evening CSRs

Comprehensive Student Reviews (CSRs)

There will be no school on October 23rd & October 24th for our comprehensive student reviews! Comprehensive Student Reviews at CSA are a time for teachers to share a full picture of your child's growth. Rather than focusing only on academics, these reviews highlight your child's development socially, emotionally, morally, and physically, giving insight into how your child is progressing as a whole person while also setting goals together to support their continued growth and success. Please see the sign up link sent in our weekly update to pick a timeslot that works best with your schedule.



In September we learned about artist Paul Cezanne who was know for his apple still life paintings. We made our own apple art after closely observing and sketching real life apples.



October Donation List

We are in need of the follow donations:

★Medium to small sized pumpkins (hoping to get 5-6 that are a variety of colors and shapes - ie blue, white, orange, bumpy, etc.) Email me if you are able to donate!

★Indian corn bundles (we will strengthen our fine motor skills by plucking out the kernels using tweezers - along with using these as a prop for a November sing along play)

Thank you in advance! 😊



Halloween Celebration

Our Halloween party is coming up on October 31st. Our parent reps and I will be brainstorming ideas to make this day fun and magical for the kids! We will send out a sign up genius soon for volunteers and such but one easy way we ask parents to help out is to send in a \$3-5 donation! This will help us to cover the costs for food, station games, activities and crafts! Thanks so much!

Malcolm adds two apples to our crockpot for applesauce day!



October Parent Participation Project

We truly believe that parents are a partner in their child's education. One way that we implement this is with optional monthly projects that you can do with your child at home. Thank you for all your creativity and help to make our class made alphabet a success last month. This month's parent project is a family scrapbook page you can make with your child. See directions and colorful cardstock page sent home in your child's Tuesday folder. This optional project is due by October 17th. We look forward to sharing these at morning meeting and creating The Risso Family Scrapbook!

October Learning Targets

Here's what the Risso kids are working on this month:

Science and Social Studies

- Our big idea this month is: **rhythm and traditions** as we launch our unit on Nursery Rhymes in preparation for the **Mother Goose Olympics on October 27th**.
- We are learning the history of Mother Goose, reciting, recalling and listening for rhythm in many of her rhymes
- Continuing with our essential questions of **How scientists learn about the natural world**- we will explore itsy bitsy spiders, conduct some egg-siting experiments as we explore Humpty Dumpty, and partake in fall nature walks, pumpkin investigations and autumn leaf exploration
- Learning about fire safety and we will have a visit from the Hartland fire firefighters

Math

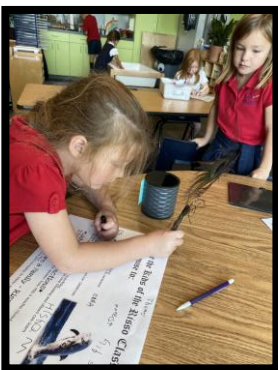
- Working on identifying, counting and forming numerals 1-10 from top to bottom accurately and with efficiency
- Reviewing and naming basic 2D shapes
- Counting to 100 by 1's and 10's
- Reviewing AB and ABC patterns that we see, hear, and feel
- Learning/practicing the Montessori Math works

Reading Comprehension & Phonemic Awareness

- Learning habits of readers: pointing to words and sharing words we know with one another, reading familiar words, acting out characters in familiar stories, using our schema and pictures to talk about informational texts, and practicing re-telling and stating facts from in class read alouds!
- Identifying the front and back of a book, title, author, etc.
- Listening for rhyme, beginning sounds, syllables and manipulating sounds during our listening games

Writer's Workshop & Handwriting

- Practicing proper formation for lowercase letters
- Continuing to launch our writers workshop: putting ideas down on paper with pictures and words, carrying on independently as writers, stretching out words to write them and writing even hard to write ideas



Hayden looks on as Kinsley signs our Class Constitution we created in September

Thomas carefully signs his name with the quill pen



Milk, Cookies & the Mother Goose Olympics

The Mother Goose Olympics is coming up on **Monday, October 27th**. This "Olympic" event combines active learning, gross motor skills, literacy, and the Boehm concepts in a fun and meaningful way! It is an outdoor field day style event with stations that have to do with the nursery rhymes we have been learning. Part of this event will include enjoying cookies and milk and visiting the book fair with your child. Students will be reciting nursery rhymes and earning medals throughout the month of October! We can't wait for this incredible afternoon with the kindergarten students. **Parents, please plan to have at least one family member (or loved one) attend. We will begin at 2:00 in the Risso room.**



Character Corner: Kindness

At CSA, kindness is one of our 6 core smart character choices. We teach kindness as thinking and acting in ways that show you care. We will read *A Little Spot of Kindness* and talk about ways we can show kindness to one another.

