

Risso Review

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"It made purple!" exclaimed Cru. Last month, students explored color mixing by combining primary paints to create new shades of green, orange, and purple. They made predictions, tested their ideas, and delighted in each colorful discovery!

Friendship Soup Day

On Friday, November 21st, we will be making "Friendship Soup." We'll read the story Stone Soup, a folktale that teaches us the value of what we can accomplish when we all come together and share! As a class, we're going to make our own version of Stone Soup (yes - there will be a stone!) and each child will have a chance to contribute to our vegetable style soup via sign up genius. Any extra non-perishable cans will be the start of our annual canned food drive for families in need. Look for a sign up to be coming your way soon!

What We are Learning

- Wrapping up our studies on Vincent Van Gogh
- Learning about the 7 continents of the world and studying North America
- Celebrating Dino-vember with reading dinosaur books and doing online research
- An introduction to the history of the First Thanksgiving, Native Americans, the Pilgrims' voyage and the traditions of the holiday in America
- Celebrating the number 50 with a 1950's themed spirit wear day and fifties themed stations and activities
- Composing and decomposing numbers up to ten
- Learning the partner numbers of ten: 1 & 9, 2 & 8, 3 & 7, 4 & 6, 5 & 5, 10 & 0)
- Working on solving basic addition with number bonds and learning how to write addition sentences using concrete materials and using pictures
- Strengthening early reading habits such as pointing to words, stretching sounds, reading popcorn words in a snap and noticing beginning letters when we come to unfamiliar words
- Focusing on reading, writing and spelling the following ten high frequency (popcorn) words: a, and, I, is, do, like, my, see, the, to
- Writing and creating personal narratives with clear beginnings, middles, and ends.

Important Dates

November 10th - Parent Council Meeting
November 14th - 50th Day of School Celebration - Spirit Wear: 1950's themed
November 24th - 28th - No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 16th - Christmas Concert 2:00 in Gym
December 19th - Christmas Party

In October we took a nature walk to gather fall leaves! We will use these leaves to practice informative writing skills this month.



NOVEMBER CHARACTER CORNER

★respect★responsibility★optimism
★work ethic★getting along★kindness

Building Conflict Resolution Skills with the Peace Rose

This month we will learn about the Peace Rose. The gift of a rose is a concept from the Montessori curriculum, where a silk rose is used much like a talking stick—allowing students to take turns sharing their feelings and resolving conflicts peacefully. Maria Montessori reminds us that “children in a classroom are no different than people interacting with others in society; there will be stretches of peaceful interactions, and then differences of opinion will arise naturally over time.”

Using the Peace Rose, we guide students to verbalize their feelings and use their voices in respectful, purposeful exchanges. As children learn to identify and express their emotions, they begin to see others as individuals much like themselves—each trying to find their way within the community. An inner strength emerges as they practice compassion, empathy, and open communication. They feel empowered by having the tools to express their needs, listen to others, and work together toward understanding.

At home, you might talk with your child about how they can use words to solve problems when someone does something that makes them feel sad or upset.



As part of our "training" for the Mother Goose Olympics last month, we practiced walking on a balance beam. Being able to walk on a balance beam helps children develop balance, coordination, and core strength. These are important skills for overall motor development.



The 50TH Day 1950's Celebration

Part of our daily routine includes counting the days we've been in school. This gives children practice each day counting verbally, with one to one correspondence, and of course building number sense with tens and ones which will lead into place value. One of the milestones we celebrate with this activity is the 50th day of school! **This will take place on Friday, November 14th. Students may come to school in 1950's style spirit wear including leather jackets, poodle skirts, patent leather saddle shoes, etc.**

Risso students got to lead the school in the pledge during morning announcements last month!

