



PITTSVILLE Child Care Center

Director of Child Care Center Board Report November 9, 2020

Staffing

We have hired another full-time, non-lead teacher. She will be joining us this month. We have also been receiving a few more applications of interested teacher assistants. So we are hopeful that we can pick up some more qualified staff members.

Grant

The DCF opened up another round of funding for child care centers. We will learn later this month if we are awarded funds. Like the last round, these funds are to be used for “providing safe, healthy, and high-quality child care opportunities” and for “funding staff recruitment and retention efforts”.

Infant/Toddler

In our infant/toddler room, we have been having fun playing outside with all the fallen leaves that have gathered on our playground. We have been learning to share, take turns, and use our manners. This month we explored objects with different textures. This included small pumpkins, colored noodles and toy spiders and bats. Our tiniest panthers are growing and changing everyday. We love to see all the new milestones that they're accomplishing.





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Preschool

In our preschool room, we have been working hard on learning our ABCs, numbers, and shapes. We used playdough to shape into numbers and we practiced making letters with wooden pieces. We have been working on table manners during meal times. We sat family style at a long table and practiced saying, "Yes please", and "No, Thank you". We traced the shape of the month, a circle, and used our super spy eyes to find things in our classroom that were circles. We had a Halloween party where the children got to dress up for the day and participate in all different fall activities and crafts. We made a clothespin bat, played with pumpkin playdough, and fizz pumpkin balls that had a surprise in them.



School Age

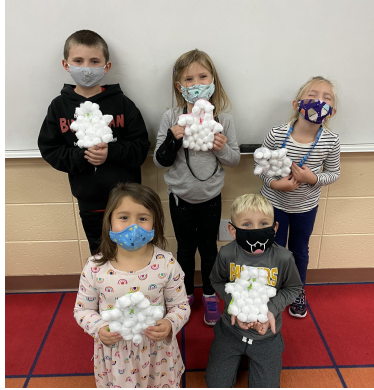
In our school age room, we have enjoyed doing fall and Halloween activities. We learned about what color pumpkins can be, what different things you could do with the seeds inside the pumpkin and what you could do with the pumpkin after using all of the seeds inside. The kids really had fun with each fall/Halloween themed activity as we did experiments, crafts, and games. One of their favorite experiments was the Bubbling Boo Bomb, where we first drew a pumpkin face on our sandwich bag before we added cornstarch and orange colored vinegar into



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the bag. Next, we took baking soda and wrapped it up into a ball of toilet paper. When we put the ball of baking soda into the bag the bag expanded and looked like a pumpkin until it popped.



Looking Ahead

We have been preparing for the changes in our toddler room. This month we will be cutting the hole in the wall and having our new exit door installed. This will allow us to move our older toddlers out of the infant room and into the new toddler room. We are excited for this separation and excited for the new children that will be joining us once it is complete.



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