

# Director of Child Care Center Board Report November 8th, 2021

### **Infant**

This month we enjoyed the last few days of warm weather as we prepare for the cold winter ahead. We worked on learning more colors and shapes, with this month's color being black and the shape being a square. We explored a black sensory bin that was filled with creepy spiders, black play silks, pom poms, and halloween themed cookie cutters. We also spent a lot of the month exploring pumpkins, leaves, and gourds. We even got to rake leaves inside the classroom! Finally, to celebrate Halloween, we explored the inside of a pumpkin, painted pumpkins, dressed up in costumes, visited a pumpkin patch, and enjoyed some Halloween snacks!













### **Toddler**

This month in the Toddler classroom our theme was pumpkins/halloween. We started our month out exploring a new sensory bin filled with little black beans with scoops and mini pumpkin buckets. We practiced pouring, scooping and filling the pumpkin buckets. We used our fine



motor skills to push toothpicks into jelly pumpkins. We put them in a line and counted how many jelly pumpkins and toothpicks we used. We also used old Kleenex boxes to decorate and use as monster feet. We stomped around the room listening to a directional halloween song. To finish up our month we spent the day decorating halloween cookies, painting pumpkins, scooping pumpkin guts out of pumpkins and wore our costumes to our very own pumpkin patch.











#### **Preschool**

In the preschool room we learned about fire safety. We read books about fire safety and practiced a fire drill. We made coffee filter flames and discovered that when red and yellow are mixed together they make the color orange. We also learned about pumpkins and halloween. We played a song called, "There's a Spider on the Floor", we used plastic spiders on our fingers and moved them to the song's actions ex: there's a spider on my face and the children would put the spider on their face. We had fun washing pumpkins. We dressed up in our costumes and played pumpkin twister. We also celebrated Halloween in our pajamas and rotated to different activities: making necklaces, earrings, and bracelets out of beads and pipe cleaners, decorating cookies, painting pumpkins, playing in the guts of the pumpkin, and playing with playdough that smelled like pumpkin pie.











## School Age

This month in our school age room, we focused on different activities with the theme of pumpkins. We conducted a science experiment where we investigated the cause and effects of different liquids on candy pumpkins. We created our own geo boards using push pins, golf tees, rubber bands and pumpkins. We made salt paintings, homemade window clingers, "bone bridges" and used our imaginations to make creations using paper and tape. We finished off the month celebrating with Halloween activities including; bead creations, playdough, cookie decorating and pumpkin painting.



















# **Looking Ahead**

We continue to look for qualified teachers to join our PCCC team. We are hoping to have positions filled this coming month.