



Happy Festivities! This month has been so warm and lovely. The children have been preparing all month for their Harvest Feast, but they call it their "party." I've enjoyed

watching them come together to decorate certain areas of the classroom. It's almost a mini project and great practice to begin more in-depth projects after winter break once the holidays pass.



On Monday, we invited the children to work on their fine motor skills. The activities that supported this development area were

beading a fall bracelet for the party and picking corn off the cob with tweezers or your fingers. The corn was very popular, so we made it a morning activity this entire week! We also introduced class jobs. "Jobs" are typically presented in the Oak class, but we noticed how many of our little ones love to help in the classroom, so we decided to try it out.



Emma and I created a quick board with the following jobs: Morning Temperature, Kevin (Care), Clean up bell, Job Distributor, Afternoon temperature, Circle distributor, Watering the plants, Circle Clean up and dismissal song, Shoes, and 5-minute bell. As expected, the children took their jobs very seriously and continue to surprise us with their focus when picking jobs daily.



Tuesday, we presented presents we made for the Maple and Oak

Class Harvest Feast. It was a banner of Maple/Oak leaves that the children sponge painted. They were beaming when explaining their presents and how we made it for their Harvest Feasts or "parties." We

also worked on our centerpieces for our tables and hung decorations from our lattice above our block area.

Wednesday, the children practiced cutting with scissors and gluing objects onto a piece of paper. Collaging is always a favorite when introducing new tools. The Oak Class made us a wreath and the Maples a banner that says, "In our hearts." The children were over the moon.



Thursday, we continued to explore watercolor in the classroom. These children sure love to paint. We set up a representational activity with flowers. Some of the children asked for the "thinking pen" (permanent black pen). Wow, they have great memories of how we did representational painting a couple of weeks ago!



Friday, Happy Harvest Feast Day! I wanted to applaud all of the families for helping create such a special memory for the children. The food was delicious, the conversation about tradition was extensive, and the ambiance of their decorations made for a fabulous "party." We will be working on creating a recipe book that captures these moments. I can only hope that next school year, we will include the families once again in our tradition of the Harvest Feast.



If you have not done so already, please go on the family portal and sign up for a Fall Conference. Conference days are Thursday and Friday (December 3rd



and 4th) after the break. There is no school.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, and enjoy your week off!

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