

Parkside Post

November 2021



HOPPING HAY BALES

The Days Grow Cold...

What fun was had at our Fall festival last month! A big THANK YOU to our PTO for making it happen. Our online Art Auction was also a success-- Our kiddos and teachers were so creative this year! Those funds will go towards new art supplies and new dump trucks for our play yards!! We would love to see you at our November fundraiser at Pearl's books! This fundraiser will support a local business owned by a Parkside family as well as our school!

Playing outside is still crucial even as the days grow cold! Layers are the secret to staying warm. Our neighbors next door at Fayetteville Nature School have invited our Pre-K class to join them for a special event this Fall and it will be the perfect opportunity to layer up and enjoy a Fall evening. We're expecting a magical Lantern Walk!

So whenever you go out, remember to layer up! The days are growing colder and we are looking forward to a WONDER filled holiday season at Parkside!

Dates to Remember

November 15th
Fundraiser @ Pearl's Books! All Day

November 18th
Pre-K Lantern Walk 5pm

November 25th-26th
CLOSED Thanksgiving Break

November PTO Meeting TBD

Happy Birthday!

November 7th - Emmett (3)

November 8th - Asher (2)

November 13th - Penelope (3)

November 20th - Sam (3)

November 22nd - Amara (2)

November 30th - Eliza (4)

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

BABIES



A child's environment in the first years of life are formative in **developing focus and concentration**. There are many things caregivers can do to help foster longer attention spans in young children. One simple way is to *refrain from interrupting* a child when they are playing intently and are focused. This means don't break the silence to ask "what color is it?" or "what sound does it make?" simply allow the child to explore and flex that focus.

WADDLERS



Exploring **nature** is an integral part of our days. These friends are looking at leaves after a rain... They are able to compare and sort- early math skills! They are also benefiting from the many **sensory experiences** that nature provides! Wet, squishy, rough, smooth-- we get it all!

TODDLERS



Mud kitchens are hidden gems of learning through play! They offer children practical life skills and plenty of opportunities for creative thinking, social skills and encourage hands on science and math activities. Wow!

JUNIORS



Build it up... Knock it DOWN!
Destructive play is important for young children! It teaches them cause-and-effect and helps them feel in control of their environment. This control helps children become active rather than passive as they grow. Outlets for acceptable disruptive play are important to have to keep this behavior from becoming frustrating.

PRE-K



These children made a ramp from the **loose parts** available in our play yard! **Ramps** offer a lot of opportunities for experimentation and estimation-- both excellent early math skills. Loose parts empower creativity and spark MANY learning moments!