



Little Knights News Clip for October

The air is getting much cooler, the winds are blowing and the leaves are changing and falling to the ground. It is hard to believe that the children have been in school for nearly over a month. They are making great strides and seem to be settling in very well. It has been a true blessing to work with each one parent and child. During the month of October they too have been discovering and enjoying nature that so beautifully surrounds the Early Childhood Center. When they arrive to school, one of their favorite sights are the deer in their “dark coats of fur” grazing outside the classroom window.

The children have taken several nature walks with a magnifying glass in hand. They looked closely at a spider spinning a web, a praying mantis on the fence, and many different colored leaves. The first letter of the alphabet, **A** was a perfect letter to learn about during this **A**utumn Season. They learned songs about apples, rhymes and the parts of an apple. The magnifying glass gave them a closer look at the seeds of an apple. The little cooks made a pot of apple sauce.

The field trip to Von Thun farm brought classroom learning to life. The guide was surprised that there were so many good listeners in the Pre-K and how much they knew about apples, corn, and farm life. The hayride was the best bringing the Pre-K to a huge pumpkin patch with every different kind of scarecrow you could imagine and all size pumpkins. It was exciting and the children were AWESOME. Clues led us from one path to the next in the cornfield. The biggest surprise was to see a large version of the book *Spookley the Square Pumpkin*.

The students read the book this month. This is a story about a pumpkin named Spookley, that was not shaped like the other pumpkins in the patch. The other pumpkins made fun of him for being different until he saved them. After he became the hero of the pumpkin patch the farmer decided to grow a whole patch just like Spookley. The students had fun creating square pumpkins with square colored orange paper.

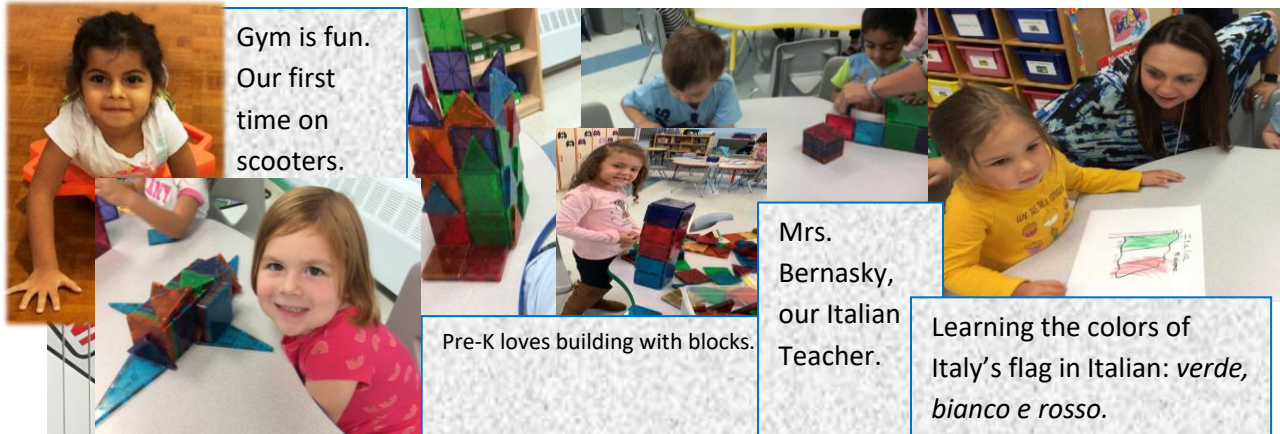
They also read the book *Pumpkin Jack*. It taught the students how pumpkins grow and how to make a Jack a Lantern. Another book that the students enjoyed this month was: *Where is My Mummy?* This gently spooky read-aloud treat is also a satisfying bedtime book — sure to delight the youngest reader on many a deep, dark night. The children had fun creating a monster using rectangles as they learned that a rectangle has two longer lines and two shorter lines.

In Religion the students are learning about Mary as Jesus’ Mother and the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. Each child received a rosary and they are learning how to pray the Hail Mary. They love learning Religion and have to recognize Mary throughout the building.

This month, not only did they have Italian, learning how to say the colors of the Italian flags and how to say pumpkin but they had gym class and computer class. The students do so well in all three classes. They are excellent listeners and try hard to follow directions.



However, their most favorite time of the day is to play. The indoor play room is a favorite rain or shine.



Gym is fun. Our first time on scooters.

Pre-K loves building with blocks.

Mrs. Bernasky, our Italian Teacher.

Learning the colors of Italy's flag in Italian: *verde, bianco e rosso.*

Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 love going to the big gym and have fun learning. Pre-K 4 also goes to music class. When Pre-K 3 gets a little older they will be able to go too. They have music in the classroom and enjoy singing, dancing and moving to the music. Computer Class is a new class this month. They took a journey to the computer lab in the main part of the school building. Mrs. Knox, the Computer Teacher, showed the children a video and they had a hands on lesson using the mouse. They learned how to click and drag mouse along a straight line and a zig-zag one.

We Are Reaching for the Heights

Whether we are in the Classroom, or Italian, Music, or Computers, Gym Class or Makerspace Room or in the Play Room!

We Are Building Our Future!



Home-School Extension for Pre-K3

Practice name writing, in lowercase letters. You can practice with pencil and paper, tracing in sand or making the letters with play dough...be creative! Practice numbers 1-10. You can collect items in the household have your child count them or even practice writing the numbers. Fine motor practice cutting and using pencil/crayon grip. You can hide things in sand or water and have your child pick them up with tweezers and READ! READ! READ! to your child.