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Pumpkin picking at White Post Farms on the 18th was so much fun for the children. They were so excited to be on a bus, and they sang songs to and from the farm. The children had a great time picking out their very own pumpkins and going on a fun hay ride. There was even enough time for them to feed the animals (and then wash their hands, of course!). Thank you to Mrs. Wren (Maggie's mom), for helping us out for the day.

Halloween Fun ~ A favorite day at L.I.S.G. We hope you enjoyed our Halloween Costume Parade. The children looked fantastic as they paraded their way through the halls and front circle. The classes ended their day with a fun Halloween party, made crafts, played games, and enjoyed goodies! Have a safe Halloween!



Parent/Teacher Conferences: December 9th & 10th: Each parent will be scheduled for a half hour conference appointment per child. If you have a specific request for a conference time or a particular day, you need to fill out the form below. Indicate which day and a first and second choice time slot. Please return the form by Friday, November 5, 2010. The earlier we receive your request, the better chance it will be honored. Early morning appointments go quickly. If we do not receive a request, we will schedule an appointment for you. Please send requests to the office. The teachers do not make their own appointments. **CHILDREN ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE BUILDING ON CONFERENCE DAYS. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.** Conference slips will be sent home with children in about two weeks, confirming your assigned day and time. Appointments for siblings in Lower School will be made consecutively with Pre-K appointments.

Spirit Night: Please join us at Dave & Buster's in Farmingdale **on Tuesday, November 23rd, from 5:00-9:00 P.M.** Flyers went home last week. All cards come with free activation and do not expire—use them at this function or in the future. If you purchase 5 games cards in advance from L.I.S.G, you'll receive 2 additional cards (a \$20 value) with an extra 124 chips loaded. You will receive 648 chips in total! If you order 5 or more game cards in advance, you can earn a chance to win a bowling party (a \$200 value) for 15 people at Dave and Buster's in Farmingdale. Place your order by November 17th. Checks should be made payable to L.I.S.G. Parents Association. Cards will be sent home with the children on Friday, November 19th.

Parent Workshop

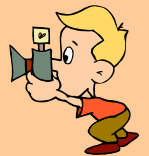
Please join us for our next workshop on Friday, November 19th at 9:00 A.M.

In the coming month...

Thursday, November 18th: School Picture Re-take day

You should be receiving school pictures back next week. If you would like your child's school picture to be retaken, please return the full picture package to school **prior to November 18th.**

Please keep the class photo as class pictures will not be retaken.



School Closed

Tuesday, November 2nd (Election Day)

Thursday, November 11th (Veteran's Day)

Wednesday ~ Friday, November 24th, 25th & 26th (Thanksgiving recess)



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE REQUEST FORM

****PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH****

Child _____

SELECT ONE: Thursday, December 9, 2010 _____ Friday, December 10, 2010 _____

INDICATE FIRST & SECOND CHOICE TIMES: 9:00-9:30 _____ 9:30-10:00 _____ 10:00-10:30 _____ 10:30-11:00 _____
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Parent Signature _____

Date _____

October Happenings

Reading/Phonics: This month, we began learning what a sentence is and that it begins with a capital letter, ends with the appropriate punctuation mark. We practiced reading and writing from left to right. We looked at telling and asking sentences and which punctuation mark belonged to each. In phonics, we practiced the sounds of G, H, I, J, K, L, and M. We practiced writing them in upper and lower case and worked in our phonics books. We used special “mice” cards that helped us sort the letters as tall, small, or tail, with illustrations on where they go on the lines. We began learning sight words for our first story, You Can. We practiced, read the story, and completed pages that checked our comprehension and recall. We read sentences using sight words, copied the sentences correctly, and made an illustration to go with it. Some of us began working on a workbook called Bears. It had stories about different kinds of bears from all over the world. We read the first story and answered questions on recall, comprehension and inference. We also read a story in our reader, called A Place for Fred. We learned new vocabulary, answered comprehension questions, and did a character analysis of the main characters. The students in this group also wrote words in correct order to form sentences. They decided if the sentence was a telling or asking sentence and used the appropriate punctuation mark.

Math: We looked at different ways to make 8, 9, and 10. We used counters and 10-mats to show the different combinations. We also used the counters to show each combination by filling in number bonds. We used interlocking blocks to show more and fewer, and we ordered numbers from least to greatest. We began to look at addition and what it means to join two groups. We learned what an addition sentence is and learned other vocabulary that goes along with addition: plus, equals, sum. We set up our own addition sentences when looking at various number stories. We learned that when we add zero to a number, it stays the same. We looked at vertical addition and how to set up an addition sentence.

Science: We celebrated the fall season by looking at the life cycle of pumpkins. We learned the steps of how it starts as a seed and becomes a full pumpkin. We also used magnifying glasses to look at leaves the children collected. We worked with a buddy and used special recording sheets to record size, edges and what was the same and different about each other’s leaves. We also talked about our body and looked at a poster that showed body parts. We named each, went over their functions, and read a book, called The Body. We discussed how we need food, water, rest and exercise to stay healthy. We learned about our bones, what they’re made of and what they do. We matched animals to their skeletons and made our own skeletons by connecting a bones puzzle.

Social Studies: We celebrated Columbus Day by learning what an explorer is. We showed a map of the United States and discussed what Columbus wanted to do and where he wound up. We read a book about Christopher Columbus and created our own “ship in a bottle” with Columbus on the ship. We also learned about fire safety and what an important job fire fighters have. We read I Want to be a Fire Fighter and looked at what is safe to touch. We discussed the importance of smoke detectors and fire drills, and we watched a special video on fire safety. We continued learning about community helpers using our Social Studies Big Books. We looked at different jobs, the tools they use and how they help the community. We colored pictures of what we want to be when we grow up.

Special Topics: We had so much fun on our field trip to White Post Farms. We listed pumpkin words on a large pumpkin cut-out and wrote our favorite part of the field trip in our journals. We also created large pumpkins with finger paints—they are displayed outside our room. We had our Halloween party at the end of the day and went over Halloween safety. Thank you to Mrs. Wren for creating the fun for our party. We also read and discussed several books this month, including Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Chicken Little, Biggest Pumpkin Ever, Ghost’s Dinner, Skeleton Hiccups, and Space Witch.



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SCIENCE with Mrs. Scher: Students had an introduction to electricity by making a balloon stick to the wall. They were able to do this by either rubbing the balloon on a table or sweater, which puts electrons on the balloon. This made the balloon “stick.” We also continued our study of air and water. We showed how air moves, and we went outside to catch the wind with our pinwheels. We held ice on a thermometer and watched the red line go down. Everything was lots of fun!



MUSIC with Ms. Kaufman: This month, the children continued building their singing skills through learning songs with a simple melody pattern including “Hello Echo Song,” “The Fall Song,” and “The Barnyard Song.” While singing “The Fall Song,” children engaged in creative movement and waved multi-colored scarves to represent falling leaves. The animals that live in the barnyard were discussed, and the children enjoyed creating animal sounds with their voices and wearing animal hats. Additionally, they discovered musical form through singing “The Barnyard Song” and played instruments for four beats during the “B” section. Learning action songs and chants with a Halloween theme, such as “Five Little Jack O’Lanterns,” “The Ghost of Tom,” and “Hooray for Halloween!” was entertaining. Singing “Pumpkin Fat” while looking at a PowerPoint to accompany the song, illustrated the concept that music can sound high or low. Waving paper cut-outs of pumpkins, showing the melodic direction of the song melody, was a delightful experience.



LIBRARY with Mrs. Simon: We continued singing ABC songs, and we listened to Mrs. Simon read us the story, Read It, Don’t Eat It. We also watched the video and read the book The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The Terrible Thing That Happened at Our House was the last book we read. We enjoyed the visit from the authors this past Monday.



PHYS. ED. with Mr. O’Shea: This month, we played many movement games involving music. We also began our fitness exercises, including sit-ups and various leg exercises.



COMPUTER with Mrs. Schnurer: At the beginning of October, students practiced locating letters on the keyboard while completing an alphabet activity. Students had to identify and match upper and lower case letters to solve puzzles. Also, students enjoyed reading along while watching Mercer Mayer’s “Little Monster Goes to School,” an interactive story. Finally, everyone had fun decorating their own virtual jack-o-lanterns.



SPANISH with Dr. Wilcox: We are continuing to practice our Mexican dance and rhymes. We also continued to visit our Blue’s Clues characters and learned some new ones for Halloween, like fantasma (ghost), gato negro (black cat), calabaza (pumpkin), and momia (mummy).