

# Children's House Two

## November 2019 Newsletter

### Calendar of Events

**Friday, November 1:**

No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Monday, November 4:**

No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Tuesday, November 5:**

No School - Election Day

**Monday, November 11:**

Veteran's Day Celebration @ 9:15

**Tuesday, November 26:**

Kindergarten & Elementary Thanksgiving Feast (No Aftercare)

**November 27 - 29**

Thanksgiving Holiday

### Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to Walter and Lillian!

Happy Belated Birthday to our October birthdays, Donovan, Lilly, Graydon, and Bonnie!



### October Overview

What an exciting month October has been! We began the month by embracing the beautiful fall weather and studying apples. The children learned about the parts of an apple, the lifecycle of apples, and we concluded our study with making applesauce together. The children exercised their practical life skills by coring and peeling apples, then worked together to measure and add the ingredients. Once the applesauce was finished cooking, we enjoyed the delicious treat together as a group snack!

After wrapping up apples, we ventured into our first full unit of study: The Solar System. The children learned about each planet and its location in space. During the work cycle they loved working with the hands on materials, reading about the special qualities of each planet, and singing planet songs. Next, we narrowed our study to focus on our planet, Earth. This began our exploration into geography, with a concentration in land, air, and water.

November's focus will be on North America, our first continent of study!



## Spanish Corner with Ms. Maria



### Welcome to our Spanish Corner!

We are so grateful to have Ms. Maria as our Primary Spanish Teacher. Each week she rotates through our primary classrooms spending 1-2 days per room. While in the classroom, Ms. Maria conducts our first group entirely in Spanish! Here is a sample of what is covered during first group: greetings, attendance, calendar (el Calendario), days of the week (Días de la Semana), weather (el clima), and lastly a lesson associated with the classroom's unit of study. We began our Spanish curriculum with learning about Grace and Courtesy, fruits (frutas), colors (los colores), and planets (los planetas) all in Spanish!

Below are a few of our curriculum highlights:

**Greetings:** Buenos Días (Good Morning), Buenas Tardes (Good Afternoon) and Buenas Noches (Good Night). Hola (hello) and Adíos (good-bye).

**Manners:** Por Favor (please) and Gracias (thank you).

**Song (to the tune of "Where is Thumbkin?"):** Buenos Días, Buenos Días, (good morning). Cómo estás?, Cómo estás? (How are you?) Muy Bien, gracias, Muy Bien, gracias (very well, thank you). Y tu?, y tu? (and you?)

Sing along at home and enjoy!



## Going Batty!

For our first in-house field trip, we welcomed Ms. Denise: "The Bat Lady"! She conducted a wonderful presentation for each age group. Our younger friends listened to the book *Stellaluna* and the older children learned about the importance of bats in the environment. All of the children got a chance to see our only flying mammals up close and personal! Last but not least, Ms. Denise taught us how to say, "I love bats" in sign language.

## Kindergarten Corner

To enrich their studies of the Solar System, the Kindergarten children experienced their first field trip of the year at the Plaza Middle School Planetarium. All of the children enjoyed the show and learned some



interesting and fun facts about space. If you are interested in seeing a show with your child and family, they are available every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm.

### Upcoming Event:

Every year, the kindergartners enjoy a Thanksgiving Feast with the elementary students. Each class takes part in making a dish to share. It is always a wonderful time! Be on the lookout for more information to come.