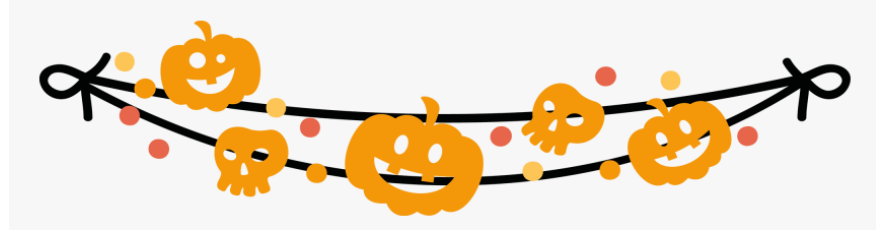


Hello Parents,



What an amazing and marvelous first month of school! The children are adjusting well with the classroom routines, discovering new and old materials and working on lessons in grace and courtesy.

As we move on to the month of October, we are excited for all the seasonal activities we have planned stored for your children!

The change of the season and nature's way of displaying the change through color and smell will be incorporated in our curriculum this month. We will talk about fall leaves and make an art project based on the topic. The children will participate in a cooking activity by cutting apples (we will be using an apple corer and apple slicer), drizzling them with cinnamon and sugar and baking them in our oven in the kitchen.....mmmm, what a great way to experience the aromas and expand their taste buds! Next, we will learn about primary colors and work on an art activity based on the famous Dutch artist, Piet Mondrian! Colors will also be part of our Spanish lessons. For music, we will practice rhythmic beats with different musical instruments and will learn about the famous American singer, songwriter, musician and record producer, Stevie Wonder. We will learn his famous song "What a Wonderful World".

We will continue learning about our world, explore the globe, learn about the geographical location of continents with more focus on our very own North America. The children will work on a continent map, color their own and learn about the flora and fauna this continent has to offer. We will also learn about the people and explore some unique natural landmarks.

This is the perfect month to learn about the very unique fruit, a pumpkin! We will have the opportunity to look at different types, shapes, and colors of pumpkins, carve one and make our own jack-o lantern! They will paint pumpkins all through the month and I will display their beautiful artwork. We will learn about the parts of a leaf and make porcupines with different colored leaves.

We will begin our study of classification of animals, the children will be introduced to mammals and will learn about the parts of a horse.

We look forward to the month of October and the fun Halloween festivities it brings! Please be on the look out for information regarding the celebrations and the upcoming school picture day.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at gkailajian@fvmontessori.com.

Thanks

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