

Playful Wonders After-School



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Playful Wonders After-School Enrichment Program

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Gentle Reminders:

- ◆ Please let us know if your child will be absent from PW or if you will be late picking up at 6:00pm.
- ◆ It would be most helpful if backpacks and clothing are labeled.

PW Closed:

- ◆ Monday, November 11: Veterans Day
- ◆ Friday, November 22: Parent Teacher's Conferences
- ◆ Wednesday, November 27: Early Release Drill
- ◆ Thursday November 28- Friday November 29: Thanksgiving Recess

Looking Back:

Happy Fall!

Children were very busy with a variety of activities and games. We invited **Susan Maysonet**, an independent **Dance & Movement** instructor, to present an interactive performance incorporating the "**Colonial Life**" theme for KG & 1st Grade; for the older children Susan taught them a few steps from the hit Broadway musical, "**Hamilton!**"

We celebrated **DIWALI**, the Hindu Festival of Lights, by decorating traditional Rangoli patterns, Diyas (lamps) using play doh & gems, and playing festive games with traditional Hindu Music. We also shared an organic home baked snack together.

We ended the month with one of the children's favorite holidays: **Halloween**, which was a thrilling session, for both children and staff, to see everyone express themselves through costumes. Our children designed a Halloween picture frame followed by a fun family-style snack with special Halloween treats & spooky Halloween music. To finalize our Halloween celebration, we set up a tournament that included: *ball toss, mummy bowling, witch's hat ring and bean bag toss.*

Looking Forward:

In November, we will introduce **literature-based art projects** in the Kindergarten room where we will connect literature with art. This is a way to elicit greater enthusiasm and imagination by bringing stories to life.

We will celebrate **Veteran's Day** to commemorate Veterans followed by various hands-on activities for **Fall**.

We believe **Art** makes space for exploration and teaches children different approaches in problem solving with creativity and innovation. PW's new independent **Artist in Residence**, **Kathy Nesi**, will lead a skilled **autumn project** with the children in 2nd through 5th grade on **Friday, 11/8**.

We also have **sports** with **Danny**: this month he will assemble an obstacle course that will stimulate the children's mental & physical talents.

We will end our month with a **Thanksgiving** celebration that will incorporate, history, art, literature, science and the concept of building friendships!

See Pictures of the children involved in various activities on the next page...

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Children in the Kindergarten group were busy with hands-on activities such as: Making Play-Doh from scratch, playing hop scotch, building with blocks, dancing, and designing whirligigs, to name a few.



Children celebrated DIWALI (Hindu festival of lights), grades 1st through 5th worked together for a building club using magnetic blocks and enjoyed a special family-style snack.

