

Playful Wonders After-School



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October 2019 Newsletter

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:

- ◆ Wednesday, October 9th: Yom Kippur
- ◆ Monday, October 14th: Columbus Day

Dear Parents

We got off to a great start!

We welcomed many new and current families to Playful Wonders After-School program this school year.

We are looking forward to a school year filled with fun hands-on and enrichment-filled activities.

Kindergarten News

The Kindergarten class has explored a unit on the "History of Pelham." We introduced Thomas Pell's treaty with the Siwanoy Native Americans and discussed what life was like in Pelham 300 years ago.

The children were introduced to our "cooking club" where we worked together to make corn muffins & apple sauce.

The Kindergarten class demonstrated their building skills by designing and constructing longhouses using a variety of materials such as, wooden blocks, magnetiles, Lego's, and more!

Art is a big component in our hands-on lessons. We decorated T-shirts to resemble Native American children, made placemats and created Native American masks, just to name a few.

In October, we will study what life was like for Colonial children of long ago and introduce other topics such as, autumn, apples, cooking with apples and, Columbus Day.

We will celebrate Halloween with a costume party on Thursday, October 31st. More details will follow via email.

Parents are welcome to visit to read a story or share a culture of interest.

Grades 1 - 5 News

In September, our older children were exposed to literature based art projects. Connecting literature to art is a great way to add more excitement and creativity from books.

Beginning the month of October, we will be introducing our Playful Wonders Scholar Dollars. Our goal with this new program is to

- Promote and encourage positive behavior, respect (towards children and adults), and provide children with a sense of accomplishment for excellent behavior.
- Children will have the opportunity to redeem their PW Scholar Dollars once a week, on varying days, and use the scholar dollars toward a "special treat."

As we continue to incorporate Art in after-school for all ages, and to make this program more personalized and involved, we are encouraging our children to design their own PW scholar dollars, which will later be used for all children.

To complement our lesson plans for this month, Susan Maysonet, an independent Dance & Movement instructor, presented an interactive performance on Friday, October 4 for the children!

We very much look forward to an exciting month with the children!

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

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Children making corn muffins:



Children learned to weave and made Native American Masks:



Building friendships on the playground:

