

Happy Fall!

Dragonfly Community,

This is the first of several Newsletters that will inform you of the goings on in the dragonfly Room as well as, what the latest work your child is working on and a few ideas to support them in their development. It is hard to believe that the first day of school was only 4-weeks-ago. The children seem so comfortable and adjusted to their new environment and routine. They often remind me of what to do and where we go next. Ms. Sueann and I witness their strong sense of order and sensitive period for orientation on a daily basis. I am excited to share what they have been working on in this newsletter as well as at the conference time coming up in less than two weeks. I encourage you to bring any questions and concerns you may have so we can make the most of the 15 minutes we have. One question that usually comes up is, "What can I do at home to support their learning." Well, after hearing one of the children say, "My dad does not know how to write!" I realized that children are seeing parents less and less, write with a pencil and paper. We usually use our devices to

communicate, often typing with our thumbs or talking into voice recognition. So, modeling cursive writing on paper is even more important than ever these days. Also, reading to your children every night in a way that they can follow along will help your child be more successful at the process of learning to read. For beginning readers, it helps to point out phonetic words that they may recognize, which can result in excitement for learning from the recognition. One of the hardest, yet most effective ways to get cooperation from your child is by following through with your expectations. Do what you say and be sure they also do what they say or you ask. This consistency of accountability will pay off in the long run and they will develop a strong trust for your words and actions.

Run for the arts is coming up October 8th, so tap your friends, family and neighbors for support. We not only support the local arts community, the shows are so loved and enjoyed by the children.

Rowe watercolor painting. She is using a stencil for the image and then carefully uses the paints. Great work for preparation for writing.



Creighton is washing his hands the old fashion way. He loves anything with water. He has repeated this work many times.



Bayr serving himself snack.

We took advantage of the warm and sunny days and worked outside for a bit.





Penny and McKenzie working together for the afternoon. They learn how to make designs with the metal insets (geometric shapes).



Lincoln making a pattern with the beads. He stands on the chair to give me a better angle for the photo op.



Kori and Penny starting a number roll this year. The goal is to get to 1000.





Jack showing Kori the snake game. A great work for experiencing ways to make 10.



Kori and Isaac are making pumpkin muffins for the class during the afternoon work time. They love the new chiefs hats.

Creighton, Isla and Rory playing in the sand box out back with earth movers.

Royal is cutting papers with curvy lines.
I love his concentration and focus.



Thea playing with the farm. She is learning all the farm animal names.



Nolan enjoys a clock puzzle. Such amazing concentration! I later show him how to clean his placemat after snack.





grip for writing. And he is learning about the many different leaf shapes trees have.



Senna is washing an underlay. This is a large motor work that helps prepare for reading and writing indirectly. It teaches caring for the environment and responsibility as well.



Connor pin pricks a leaf shape from the leaf cabinet. This work helps strengthen the pincer



Here is a Fall song we are working on learning
in the gathering.