

CLEVELAND MONTESSORI

Mid-November Edition 2024

One of the most important things school and parents can do to support your child's education and growth is to partner toward these common goals. Communication is the key to that partnership and last week's conferences were a huge step in building our home-school connections. We appreciate all of the parents who were able to meet with their child's teacher to share information to support your child.

Observing in the classroom and conferencing with your child's teacher are required twice per year as stated in the parent handbook. Teachers thoughtfully prepare conference reports and anticipate their conversations with parents to help them better serve each child. We do understand that it is sometimes a challenge to arrange schedules to make this happen but know that the benefits are many and each parent agrees to this partnership when signing your contracts and forms.

For those who did not schedule their child's conference, please contact your child's teacher to coordinate a time prior to Thanksgiving break. In addition, ongoing communication is necessary and valued. Please reach out to teachers or administration anytime you have a question. Thank you. Tina

Reminder

01 Book Fair
November 18-22

02 Special Persons Day
November 22

03 Thanksgiving Break
November 27-29

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Miss. Trina

Songs: *When You Wake Up, Grand Old Duke of York, Days of the Week*

Poems: *Why Is That?* By Shel Silverstein

Discuss: Review of how to care for plants.
I asked the children, *What do plants need to grow?*

“Sun, rain, dirt!” Winter added, “Don’t forget oxygen!”

Emmy, Devon and Likkhith were inspired to water our plants and seeds. Other children continued to plant seeds and bulbs.

Work: Many children continue working on calming activities such as weaving shapes with colored yarn. Children new to this skill practiced threading needles and making knots.

Children also practiced choosing one person work, which is building their ability to decide and strengthen independence as well as confidence that “I can do it by myself!”

Grace and Courtesy: How do we know if someone is concentrating? Let’s not interrupt.



Sewing!



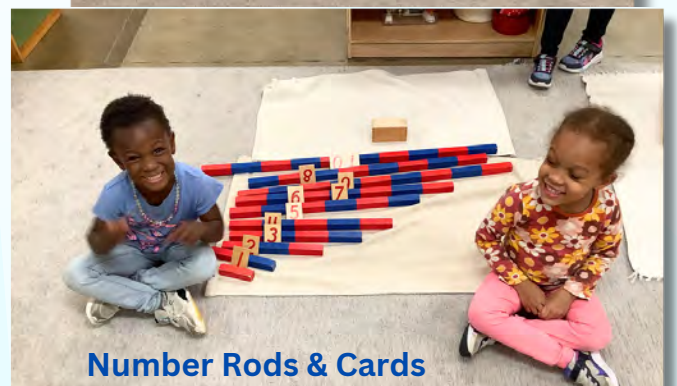
Our seeds and bulbs



Hydroponics

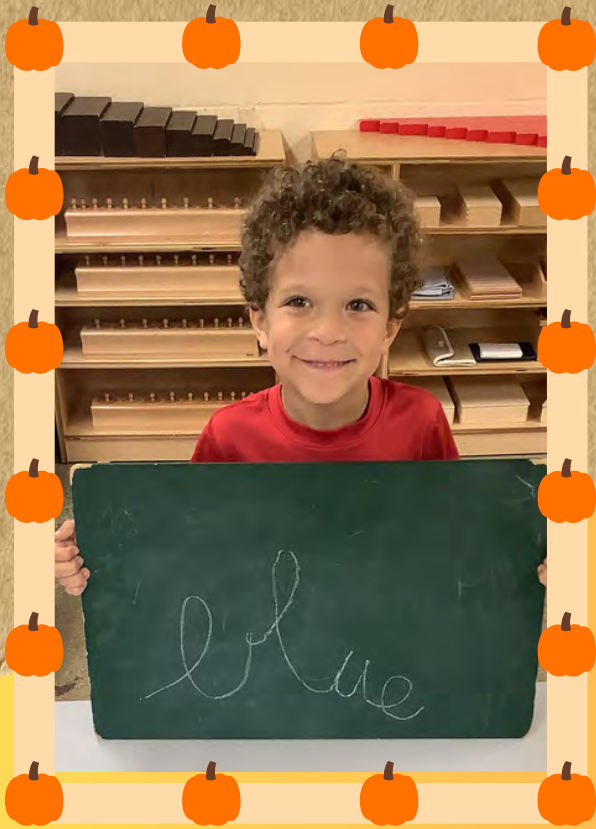


Labeling the USA



Number Rods & Cards

Miss. Marissa



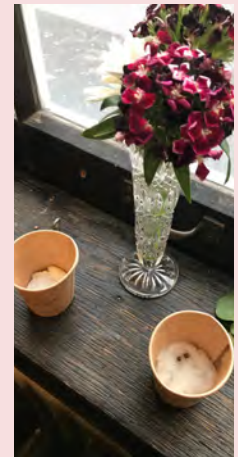
Science: Learned about the parts and life cycle of a pumpkin!

To celebrate Halloween: We picked the seeds from of a pumpkin, and read "The Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything." We also enjoyed Halloween Yoga. The bat and witch poses were favorites!

To celebrate Autumn we have been talking about and identifying different leaves from outside. So far, we have explored maple, oak, and sassafras leaves! We discussed how and why leaves change color in the fall.

Song: We began practicing the ABC's in sign language





A mega math month! Students have been learning the squares of numbers, writing fractions and drawing the equivalents on paper. Of course, we are always working on improving our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts.

If you were to visit our room, chances are you would hear a child singing *On Top of Spaghetti* or *Princess Pat*. The Halloween season inspired inventive written works. Students wrote spooky Halloween stories, some practiced their cursive and spelling by writing the names of their favorite candies on slips of paper and then gluing them to create “candy chains.”

Others are conducting an experiment to answer the question, *What do plants need to grow?* In order to test their theories, students planted seeds into cups and placed them in very specific locations. They’re monitoring those seeds and documenting the results!





UPPER ELEMENTARY

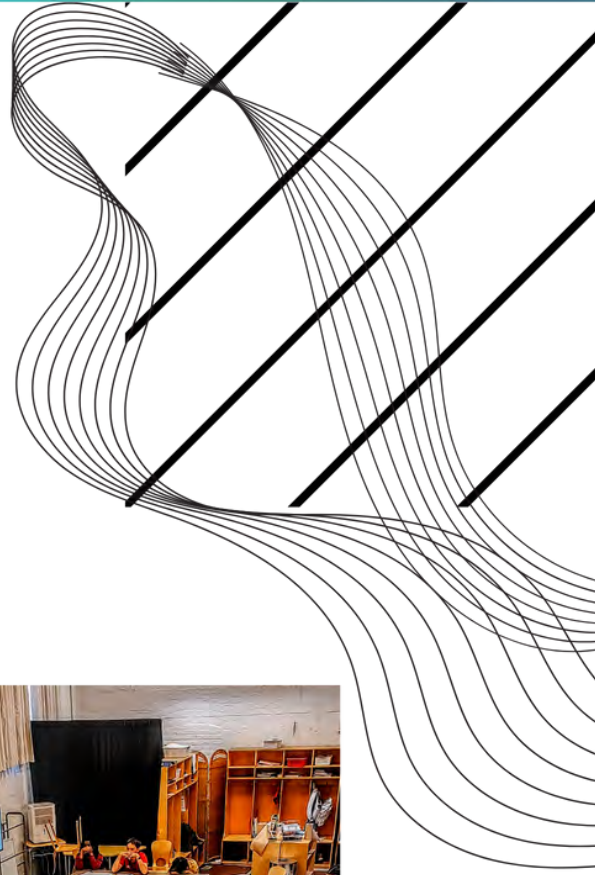


Upper Elementary students began writing a few plays, and they're excited about the planning process. Others are beginning projects on Early Humans, and some have been continuing work on a timeline of American History events. Additionally, students have been enjoying singing and using the tone bars to play scales and even write songs. We're looking forward to the upcoming November events, notably the Book Fair, Special Persons Day, and the Thanksgiving school lunch!



News

This Monday, the class went to the Japanese restaurant Kenko for November birthdays. The class loved the food and the atmosphere but not so much the broken chairs... Sadly we were not able to get any pictures. On Thursday, as always, CMAC does Creative Expressions. Creative Expressions is when, every Thursday, the CMAC class engages in cooking for half the class and music for the other half. Otherwise, the class has had a pretty typical week.



Top left: cooking; top right: American Gov't; bottom left: The Tempest; bottom right: Micro Economy Plants