



# Demarest Co-op News

## October 2019



### A Message from the President

I love the month of October at the Co-op. Our first fundraiser went well and we earned \$1225.00 at our Annual Garage Sale. This is a great fundraiser to kick off the school year. The money we fundraise all goes back to our children: new learning toys or craft materials in the classroom, plus the special programs that we have throughout the school year like Mrs. Wonderwhy, Nature Mark, Mrs. Paulsen (our music teacher), and Outragheiss Pets to name a few.

The children looked extra adorable in their costumes for Trunk or Treat. Parents, you did an amazing job decorating your trunks! Everyone had a great time and went home with a lot of great treats!

I hope to see you all for our first **Friendsgiving Event** on Thursday (11/14). We have such a one of a kind preschool and it's great to get together with all the wonderful co-op families (this time just the parents) at special events such as this.

### Reminders:

Wednesday, November 27th: No Afternoon Session for Extended Day Students  
Thursday, November 28th: Happy Thanksgiving! (No School)  
Friday, November 29th: No School

Also, all children need to get a **flu shot** by **December 15th**! Please be sure to get your paperwork in as soon as possible!

Christina :)



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## Miss Christine's Class

October has been a busy month for the 2 year old class. The children have settled in nicely and are falling into a regular routine in the classroom. When I sing our song to come to the rug for circle, the children automatically run to circle and sit down. The children love my little "friends" that I bring to class. They sit so patiently at circle to see who I brought to class that day. This month it was my Halloween costumed friends, Snoopy as a skeleton, Elmo as a chicken and a sock monkey who was dressed up like a chicken too.

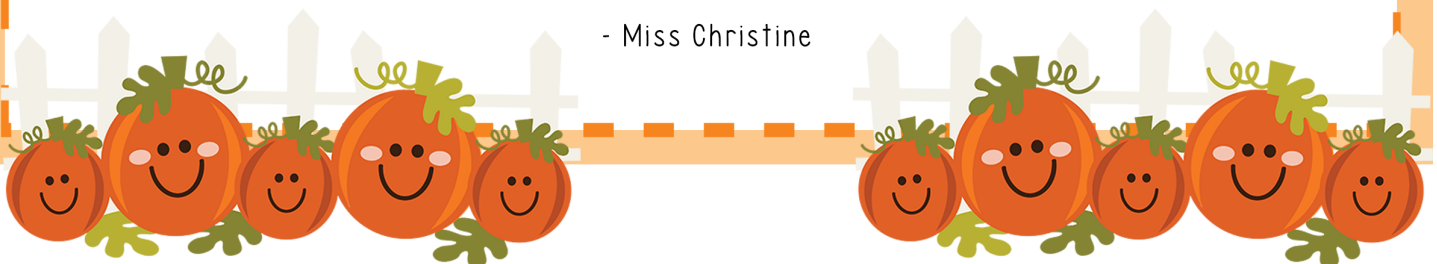
Fireman Matt (Joe in the 4's dad) brought the Dumont Fire Truck to school! How exciting this was for the children! I was so impressed at how the children were not the least bit afraid or nervous! All of the children were so excited to spray the water from the fire hose! The kids got to walk through the truck where the firemen sit and see all their equipment. They loved trying on the helmets. They didn't want to get off! I was so proud of them! Our favorite story this month was Fire Truck by Ivan Uiz. There is a very cute song that goes with the story that the children loved to sing. Google it and sing it along with your child. You will see an instant smile!

Orange was a new color we talked about for October. Our Halloween Jack-O-Lanterns that were displayed in the hall were made by mixing yellow and red paint into shaving cream to make pumpkin orange. While the kids made the Jack-O-Lanterns, we talked about where to place eyes, noses and mouths on the face. The kids really enjoyed making their puffy paint ghost! They decided whether they wanted a happy ghost or a spooky ghost. Each child smiled so happily when their ghost was done. They were so proud of them!

We talked about how pumpkins grow. We opened up a pumpkin and looked inside. We scooped out the seeds and took them outside. All of the children picked up seeds and we "planted" them in our magic garden. We talked about what we needed for the seeds to grow into pumpkins, a little sun, some rain and some magic! We said the words ABRACADABRA and hoped to find pumpkins the next time we came to school. Unfortunately, Halloween was a rainy day. As a class we all looked out at our pumpkin patch and no pumpkins had "grown". I said, "Maybe they need a little more rain and another ABRACADABRA!" Sure enough, the next school day, we had baby pumpkins! The kids were so excited!

I think between Trunk or Treat and the party in class, the children had a great Halloween! I know the teachers did! Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us.

- Miss Christine



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## Miss Lisa's Class

We began our month learning the letter "O." O is for October, octopus, orange and owl. We had a lot of fun making our "O" is for orange collages. We worked and played as we reviewed and learned our shapes. Please continue to work on shapes with your child. You can do this in fun ways, for example, when you pull out an egg from the fridge, ask them what shape it is. Or ask them what shape the fridge is, etc. a game out of it. We are working on recognizing circles, squares, ovals, diamonds, triangles and rectangles. (Many of the children are still confusing the words rectangles and triangles.)

We explored apples this month as well. We worked cooperatively by measuring our friends with apples by lying down on the rug and having our partner count up how many apples "tall" we are. We read a fun book, Ten Apples Up on Top, by Theodore Lesieg (one of Dr. Seuss' pen names), and we sang the words of the book to the tune of Jason Mraz's "I'm Yours." But the highlight of our apple study was our taste test of red, green and yellow apples.

We really enjoyed working on our shapes when we made our shape fire trucks. Firemen Matt, Joe and Brian were so nice to come show us their fire truck. They even let us squirt the hose! They also showed us what firemen wear when they go into a fire. (It looks like Darth Vader.) They told us that we should not be scared of the firemen because they are there to help us. And we should NEVER hide from the firemen in a closet! Miss Lisa taught us about "Stop, Drop and Roll." We learned that if our clothes ever catch on fire that we need to stop, drop and roll to put the fire out. Some of us had fun actually practicing this. Thanks again to Firemen Joe, Brian and Matt (a proud Demarest Co-op graduate).

Hopefully, you have noticed that we have been working on our cutting skills quite a bit. This is an important 3 year old skill; it helps to strengthen our hands in addition to working on our coordination. When working cutting skills with your children, please remind them to keep their "thumbs to the sky." And we refer to the blades as opening and closing like an "alligator's mouth. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

We finished our month with preparing for Halloween. We learned about pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns. We explored the inside of the pumpkin and talked about 3 new "S" words: stem, skin and seeds. We lucked out with beautiful weather for the Lupardi's Nursery trip. We all talked about how much fun we had there. The tractor hayride and pumpkin picking seemed to be the most popular events. Miss Lisa was so sorry to miss the trip this year.

Thank you so much to Advait and his mom, Anitha, who shared their special holiday, Diwali, with us. It is a four day holiday called "The Festival of Lights." We learned that the "lights" represents goodness. The families celebrating Diwali clean out their homes to prepare for the holiday, they go to their temple to pray and come home and celebrate with delicious food such as the sweet treat, burfi, that Advait and his mom shared with us. They also celebrate the holiday with a big fireworks display in addition to shopping and giving presents. These are just a few of the things we touched on about the holiday. Advait also brought every friend a "diya, " which you fill with oil and a wick to help celebrate Diwali.

Everyone was adorable at the Trunk or Treat Halloween parade. It was a huge success thanks to Liz O'Boyle and Meghan LaBruno.

Please, please, please put your child's name in their clothing, especially their coats and hats. And also remember to send in mittens not gloves. It is best if you keep your child's mittens and hat in their coat pocket or inside their sleeve before allowing them to hang their coat on their hook. Thanks so much.

Try to stay warm,  
Miss Lisa



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## Miss Laurie's Class

October was a very busy month for the fours. We started off the month by finishing up a unit on family. We read a story about a family a little different from our own...The Three Bears! Most of us decided it was one of our favorite stories. Some of us had never heard this story before.

Fall, fall, fall, was the next theme for October. We talked about all the signs of fall we see each day when we are outside. We learned the names of different types of leaves such as sassafras, maple, oak, birch, and beech. Believe it or not, most of these leaves were right in our very own playground! We found out why leaves change color, and learned a great big word...CHLOROPHYL. Mrs. Wonderwhy came to school and reinforced everything we learned about fall.

Another exciting day was when Officer Matt and Officer Joe came to the co-op with their fire truck. They showed us all the equipment on the truck, talked about how they use it, and everything we need to know about fire safety. The highlight of their visit was squirting the hose and sitting inside the truck. It was a fun day!

Next came Halloween fun! We learned many new songs from Miss Laurie and our music teacher Mrs. Paulsen. Some of our favorite songs were "Halloween is Coming", "Oh Once I Had a Pumpkin", "Five Little Pumpkins Sitting On a Gate", and "We're On Our Way to The Haunted House." We found out how pumpkins grow. We turned our real pumpkin into a Jack-O-Lantern! The inside of the pumpkin was yucky but many of us helped to clean it out. We learned that a pumpkin is considered a fruit. We also learned that the outside of the pumpkin is called the shell, the stringy stuff inside is called the pulp, and it is full of seeds. Turning it into a Jack-O-Lantern was lots of fun and very messy!

We loved acting out "The Five Little Pumpkins Sitting On a Gate". We wore pumpkin masks and each of us had a line to say to our audience (all our other friends). Our audience listened to us act out the story and clapped for us when we were done. We wanted to do it over and over again! Our favorite part was when the lights went out!

We ended the month with a trip to Lupardi's Nursery for some Halloween Fun!!!! We all had a wonderful time. The hay maze, feeding the animals, and the hay ride to the pumpkin patch made this a very special day.

Trunk or Treat was the best day ever! It was so great to have our families there to share in this special occasion. Everyone's costumes were great. We loved being able to dress up.



Happy Fall,  
Miss Laurie

