

Dates to Remember

Preschool Events

October 31

Trick or treat! Your child may dress in costume

November 1-10

M; Gemma will be gone

November 9

Walking trip to the park

November 10

Uncle Wayne visit 10am

November 11

CLOSED

November 22

Thanksgiving breakfast potluck

November 23,24,25

CLOSED

Imua Events

December 15

KEIKI Holiday Party

Community Events

November 2, 5pm-7pm

Uncle Wayne and the Howling Dog Band at Carden Academy FREE family concert!



Imua Inclusion Preschool Newsletter

October 24-28

This week, we explored pumpkins.

Aunty Rae gifted us some pumpkins

from her garden to cook with. In

addition, we had bought pumpkins last

week from the farmer's market. Ms

Elizabeth brought in two large orange

pumpkins to carve. All of our pumpkins looked different on the outside.

Their skins were different colors and some were more bumpy

than others. We took this opportunity to talk about similarities

and differences. We compared the color of our skin with

each other and noticed that we were all different shades. We

asked the children to guess what the inside would look like.

When we cut them open, we discovered that, although they

looked very different on the outside, the pumpkins were very

similar on the inside. We then read a book by Mem Fox called

"Whoever You Are." She also talks about similarities and

differences in the fabric of humanity.

Paired Pumpkin Painting~The children were each given half a

pumpkin and tasked with finding their partner who had the

other half. The children taped their pumpkins together and

then painted them in a box with a large golf ball. The children

had to work together to mix yellow and red paint by rolling the

ball back and forth. This took

team work, communication

and cooperation. Paired

activities help build these skills

as well as flexibility!



Pumpkin Soup-The Best You Ever Tasted!



The children enjoyed reading the book “Pumpkin Soup” about some quarrelsome animals that make soup together. We discussed the different feelings those animals were experiencing and the different solutions they may have come up with. We then made our own pumpkin soup. The children were invited to help with the peeling and chopping. When cooking, the children are given real tools to use. We differentiate between tools and toys. Tools have a specific purpose and should only be used for that purpose whereas toys are open ended. The children follow rules with only two children cutting or peeling at a time with a teacher in the middle. Allowing children to use real tools gives them a sense of empowerment. Showing that we trust them

builds our relationships. After we added all the ingredients, the children got a turn to mix it with the hand blender and then we all tasted it for afternoon snack. It was delicious!

Mask-making

On Friday, we decorated masks in preparation for Halloween. We talked about how grown ups also dress up on Halloween and that can be scary but that it is just people pretending. At group time, Ms Gemma put on a scary pumpkin mask but talked in her regular voice to let everyone know it was still her! The children decorated their masks with various materials. We quickly realized that markers did not work on the shiny surface when all of our friends had colorful faces! Some children chose to add black glitter and others were very particular about where to put their feathers. The Nene group enjoyed wearing their masks outside while Ms Elizabeth chased them around the playground.



Police Officer Visit

Caleb's Mommy asked her friend, Officer Brown to visit our class this week. She told us all about ways to stay safe, especially around Halloween. The Pueo group had brainstormed a list of questions for her and she was able to cover all of them. She shared tips such as bring a flashlight and wear reflective clothing. She also brought her police car and we got to climb in the back of it! Someone said it was the hardest seat they ever felt! At the end, she gave us coloring pages and stickers. Officer Brown had also brought a friend with her from the K-9 unit. He explained that his partner was a dog. He told us that she is different to other dogs because she is a working police dog. We had a visit from the service dogs the day before. They are working dogs but they have different jobs. He explained that it was very important not to try to approach or touch her. He hid something on the playground for her to find and she looked for it with just her nose. When she found it, she sat up straight and waited for her him to approach. What a fun day!



Storytime with Aunty Kathryn



Madelyn's Mommy joined us to read one of her favorite stories. Maddie was particularly proud of the voices her Mommy uses to read! We welcome you coming in and sharing a story or activity with the children. Caleb's Mom has also joined us for storytime and the children love it! Please let us know if you would like to join us at afternoon circle one day!