



Preschool News 10/30/17-11/3/17



Happy Halloween!

We had a lot of fun celebrating halloween. The children dressed up as various spider men, princesses, gargoyles and pirates-we even had the man with the yellow hat from Curious George! Each child had a pumpkin to collect goodies in and we visited all of the Imua offices where the children said: Trick or treat! After each test was given, the children sang a song as a thank you...so the Imua staff got a treat too!

We then went next door to Easter Seals where we had to knock on each door. They were having a big party and there were lots of creative costumes. At circle time, Ms Gemma showed the children a scary mask. We talked about how even grown ups like to dress up on Halloween but it is just pretend. Young children have difficulty deciphering fantasy from reality and things like TV shows or even wigs can be scary. Thank you to everyone who joined us for pumpkin carving, we had a lot of fun and there were some very impressive jack-o-lanterns created!



What are fine motor skills?

A common concern from families during our conferences was developing fine motor skills. Fine motor skills are more than just writing, they are the building of the small muscles needed in order to hold a pencil. As a child grows physically, their development happens from the larger muscles, to the smaller muscles.



This means that before a child can hold a pencil, they need to use their hands for lots of other things. Catching a ball or bean bags, finger painting, play doh, shaving cream, all of these both larger and smaller muscles of the hand and arm.

As these develop overtime, children can begin to grasp chubby paint brushes, crayons, markers and other writing implements. Only after a lot of practice and time to explore will children be physically ready to write. We ensure that children get lots of fine motor opportunities and tailor specific activities towards each child's level of development and interests so that there is something for everyone!



Next week, we will explore more with the children about clouds. On a recent park visit, Ethan looked up and said, "Its the breath." Sanai disagreed and said clouds were made of cotton candy. Keziah insisted that clouds were made of rain...but maybe only the gray ones. We will continue these discussions and perhaps embark upon a journey about the water cycle...we shall see where it goes...