

# The Valley School Class Newsletter

## November 2020



## Ponies

Dear Pony Families:

The Ponies have had a busy and fun month during October. We finished our “All About Me” unit and started “My Community” unit. The group has been working on identifying letters, writing letters, and writing their names. Your children had fun in our dramatic play center with the fire station and the pumpkin patch. We have enjoyed learning fun songs, playing games, and listening to stories. As the class moves into the last week of October, we are looking forward to our Halloween Party and the kids are extremely excited.

In November, the Ponies will continue with the “My Community” unit. We will focus on those individuals “Who Helps Our Community.” Such examples are doctors, post office workers, firefighter, and police officers. Also, we will be finishing the “My Community” unit by learning about ways “We Can Help Our Community.” Discussions will consist of being a helper and how we can help our community by recycling. In our centers, the enrichments for the “My Community” unit will be dressing up like community helpers and a doctor’s office in the dramatic play center. In the science center there will be a recycling center to further teach your child on the importance of recycling. In the math center I plan to show your child how make puzzles with cereal boxes. If you would like to bring in your child’s favorite cereal, we can make it into a puzzle for them to enjoy. As an added activity we will be recognizing our role in the community to vote during elections. To help reinforce the concept of voting the center will be placing an election booth and ballot box in the main hallway. Your child will vote on their favorite cookie, Oreo, or Chocolate Chips.

Furthermore, in November we will begin the “Lets Investigate” unit. We will be talking about the many ways we can learn by observing. This area has us using our 5 senses and we will learn about rough and smooth textures, how different foods taste, and looking for signs of autumn. However, during Thanksgiving week the class will take a break from the unit study to do some fun Thanksgiving activities. Lastly, we will get back on track the last week in November and focus on how to use tools while investigating. The Ponies will learn about different science tools and measuring tools. For this unit of study some of the enrichments will include a grocery store in dramatic play center, a construction site in the block center, and different types of tools in the science center for investigating objects. Finally, our alphabet letters for November will be I, J, K, and L.

Thank you.

Mrs. Shelley



### Valley School Curriculum

#### Themes:

- Community Helpers
- Transportation
- Election Booth

#### Birthdays:



Ms. Emily 11/9

Ms. Kylie 11/12

Ms. Amelia 11/27

#### Important Dates:

Monday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Annual Canned Food Drive Begins**

Friday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

**Pajama Day**

Mon-Fri, Nov 9-13

**Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Thursday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>

**“Thanksgiving Lunch”**

Thu & Fri, Nov 26-27

**Valley School Closed**



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