

## GIRAFFE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2021



This month has been full of changes in the Giraffe class. Mostly we have noticed the changes in the weather and temperature. We continued our Fall theme focussing on the changing leaf colors, discovering different kinds of seeds and learning a little about squirrels. Besides the fall season, Linda had conferences with some of you. Adrienne and Jeanne will be meeting\* with everyone else in a few weeks. In preparation for our classroom teacher change, Linda and Niki were able to spend time in their new classrooms. We welcome Niki Gaddis to the Giraffe room starting this week. We say goodbye to Linda Stockwood who we will still see everyday as she is right next door in the Turtle room. Right before Thanksgiving we switched our theme to Transportation. Looking ahead we will focus on Family before the winter break. Some highlights from the month included: coloring pumpkin seeds and then gluing them to a piece of paper with the first letter of their name drawn on it, leaf rubbings at the easel, scooping seeds in buckets, dressing up in special Giraffe jewelry, transporting balls up and down ramps, finger painting, rolling paint on paper with acorns, piecing together large floor puzzles, experimenting with cranberries in water, planting grass seed and playing the game "Feed Fuzzy". We also found baby turtles hatching in the sandbox outside and had our first Fire Drill.

### **Books, Songs and Yoga We Shared**

[The Leaves Are Falling One by One](#) by S. Metzger, [Colors of Nature](#) by K. Riggs, [Caps, Hats, Socks and Mittens](#) by L. Borden, [In the Middle of Fall](#) by K. Henkes, [Nuts to You](#) by L. Ehler  
"Willoughby Wallaby Woo", "Gray Squirrel", "I'm a Little Acorn Round" songs and "Bunny Shop" chant  
"Hot Chocolate" breaths, "Windmill" pose and listening to the chime while we breathe in and out

### **Important Notices**

\*Parents please fill out the conference questionnaire in preparation for meeting with Adrienne and Jeanne. It is on the same email that was used when you signed up.

Since we aim to go out each morning from 8:45-9:30 please ensure your child has warm outerwear including hats, mittens and boots. It is highly recommended that everything is labeled. We are teaching the children self-dressing skills. You can support your child by showing them how to zipper their own jackets and putting on their own gloves. We go out everyday unless the "feels like" temperature is below 18 degrees. Children that come 8:30-8:45 should be ready to play outside right after they drop off their backpacks.

We will let you know if your child's extra clothes need to be replenished as well as extra masks. Please check your child's backpack for brown paper bags which contain wet or soiled masks. We are asking for 3-4 masks to be kept in your child's backpack everyday.

### **THANK YOU ALL!**

With much gratitude that we get to share in the delights of your children laughing and learning together everyday and your continued support!  
Jeanne, Adrienne and Linda





