



# NEWSLETTER

November 2021

Play Based Experiential Learning



A child at play. No screens, no adult interference, an imaginative flow. This is the essence of The Acorn School kindergarten program. Whether inside or out if you witness one of these events you will inevitably smile. In this photo, Noah is totally absorbed in the task at hand. A focused determination to create in the world. Twenty minutes later, it is all cleaned up and put away. Gone but never forgotten.



## Halloween In the Kindy



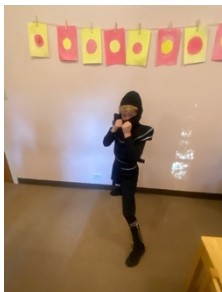
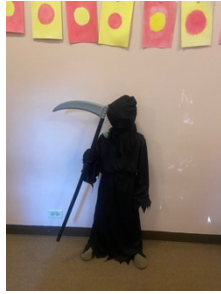
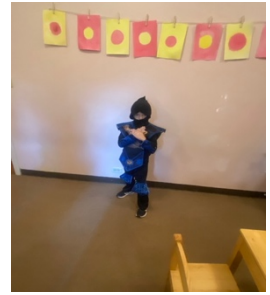




As we were preparing for the lantern festival, children learned that as they mixed red and yellow on their painting paper...alas, "I made orange!" As they finger knitted the handle of their lanterns with golden wool, they felt that fuzzy warm feeling on their fingers and as they picked their leaves for their lanterns, they discovered the beauty of nature. In awe and grateful for the gifts of mother earth.



## Halloween in the Grades



Adults are creative too. Our Spanish teacher Maestra Lee demonstrating her effusive creative talents. She looks like she just walked off the stage of a Broadway production.

In contrast, one of the kindy children approached me and asked me what I was dressed up as? I told him I was a grumpy old Waldorf teacher. He got it right away.

A shout out to all parents and teachers who invested their time into these wonderful costumes. This was a fun-filled day for everyone.



### Handwork Update



Handwork class is humming along with many different projects. First graders have taken home their first knitted project--a chicken, and are working on "Carrie Hen," being so careful with each stitch. Second graders are learning simple shaping techniques on their lambs and lions, and a few have moved on to learning the purl stitch. The children love helping each other; they can sometimes talk and work at the same time, and occasionally there are days when everyone knows just what to do and there is complete silence.

### Update from Mr. Daniel

"Autumn is the time for harvest and golden leaves,  
Birds take flight and fly away.  
Halloween for fun,  
Thanksgiving for thoughtfulness,  
Days grow shorter every day."

October has been a time of Halloween songs and rhymes and hearing many Russian fairy tales of courageous heroes overcoming evil wizards and Baba Yagas! The children have been practicing the four math operations, after being introduced to Paul Plus, Melissa Minus, Davida Divide and Timothy Times. Each has their own temperament, flute song, color, and important math function! The children recently got new tools to help with their math work--colored pencils and sharpeners. They have also been building words as we explore word families together, both in teams and individually.

Blessings on our Autumn!

Daniel



### Upcoming Events

November 22-26, Thanksgiving break. **School closed.**

December 5, Advent Garden Ceremony, 5 pm to 7:30 pm. Details to follow.

December 20-31, Winter vacation. **School Closed.**

January 3, school resumes.

Emily Meyer  
Justena Kavanagh  
Sadie Brewer  
Kristen Bratten  
Emily Reed  
Daisy McClellan  
Erikka Curia  
Rebekah Boss  
Lea Melone  
Ashley Griesemer  
Cally Grun-Bodal  
Ryan Hall  
Staci Dearing

A heartfelt thanks to all parent Lantern Walk volunteers. We appreciate your efforts and promise that next time we will do better in implementing your plans!