

# Beaver Falls Classroom News

November 6, 2018



Thank you for attending and helping your child participate in the activities during our Literacy Party! The Chicka Chicka Boom Boom pumpkin was a great tie in to our tree study, along with identifying the letters in our name. We appreciate the time and effort you put into finding a costume that goes with a book.

Our Chicka Chicka Boom Boom file folder game is a great way to practice identifying letters and their sounds with your child.

## Classroom Changes

We have some big changes to our classroom. As some of you know, Mrs. Armstrong has resigned from her position as teacher aide to spend more time with her family. While we will miss her very much we are excited to welcome Ms. Carrie into the classroom. The children were very worried about who was going to be cooking their food and we welcome Mr. Miller to our center team to fulfill this position. Mr. Miller is no stranger to the Head Start program; he joins us from the Lyons Falls center where he has worked for the past three years.

## Science

We carved pumpkins and the children scooped out the insides. This was a great hands on experience as we learned the different parts of a pumpkin: stem, skin, ribs, pulp, fibrous strands and seeds. The children used many words to describe their experience, such as, slimy, gooey, icky, watery, and slippery.

The next part of project will be to learn the word decomposition as we see what happens to a pumpkin when it gets old.

We are learning a lot of big words for being little learners!



Thank you for your participation in our tree investigation! Several families have gathered items and sent in for us to examine; we have enjoyed having real items to touch, feel and smell. Last week we investigated, "What Trees Grow In Our Community" and began the week by going for a walk and observing the different types of trees and tree parts. We saw different kinds of tree bark, leaves, straight trunks, curvy trunks, apple trees and oak trees, deciduous and evergreen trees. We looked under trees and found acorns, apples and mushrooms growing; we found a bird nest in a tree, pine cones at the top of a pine tree and a tire swing hanging from a maple tree. On Wednesday, October 24, students and staff from BRCS visited our center for Community Day. Our Wow Experience was having them help us plant a tree in our yard. They helped us dig and shovel out the dirt and showed us the roots of the tree. After the tree was placed in the ground we were able to stomp around it to pack the dirt back down.



## Community Day

Children and staff from BRCS also helped us complete a craft project, participated in dancing to the Tooty Tah, painted pumpkins for our literacy party and raked leaves. We enjoyed meeting older students and truly appreciated their time at our center.

## Literacy Party

This week we are learning about what lives in trees. If you have an interesting story about an experience involving something that lived in a tree, we would love to hear from you. For example, watched a squirrel build a nest, saw baby birds hatch or have any pictures or videos. Please call the center to set up a time for you to share these stories or pictures.

## P.A.T.H.S.



Twiggle and Daphne visited our center and shared an issue they had with being first at tasks such as lining up or washing hands. The children helped Twiggle and Daphne find ways to work together, to take turns and to be kind to each other.

For the month of November we will be focusing on kindness. Everyday two children will be chosen to be the "king and queen of kindness". Their duties will be to watch for acts of kindness and to listen for kind words. November 13th is National Kindness Day and the children will be making cards to send to the residents of Steeple View in Croghan, to brighten their day.

## Looking Ahead

November 8th- Parent Committee Meeting, 4:00-5:30

November 9th- No School

November 14th- Early Dismissal, 12:30

November 15th- Class Shelter In Place 10:00, Early Dismissal 12:30

November 21-23 No Head Start. Thanksgiving Holiday.



On Friday November 2 we were invited to watch a preview of the play, Oklahoma, at Beaver River Central School, by Elementary principal, Dr. Lyman Wright. BRCS transported us and the children got to see three short scenes as a preview. The children sat quietly, clapped at the end of each scene and some even moved to the music. The principal and director of the play talked about the importance of reading and how once we learn to read we can do ANYTHING! The Head Start children can't wait to learn letters and their sounds so that they can begin reading on their own!