

Mountain Lion Cub News



Preschool

Miss Drea and Miss Cecilia's preschool students had a lot of fun this month with the the season changing to fall. Part of their month was spent in a week-long pumpkin project. They learned all of the parts of a pumpkin and, since they were learning about how Jesus probably helped his father Joseph in his workshop, they were hard workers themselves as they carved and cleaned out pumpkins for a science activity. With those cleaned out pumpkins, the preschoolers made pumpkin volcanos by measuring and mixing ingredients and their favorite colors. Their reactions were priceless as they added the final ingredients that caused their volcanoes to erupt. The following day the students washed and painted their pumpkins. This class loves all kinds of messy, hands-on fun.



Pre-Kindergarten

Miss Amber and Miss Melissa's Pre-K class have been exploring the fall season in their dramatic play area with leaves, rakes and pumpkins. They did a study of real pumpkins, learning about how pumpkins grow and cleaning out the insides of a pumpkin to discover the pulp and the seeds. The students also got to make pumpkin spice playdough! In their classroom they have a train that was cleverly created from cardboard boxes. As a fun math activity, they used play dollars to purchase train tickets which were marked with the cost of each ticket. They used their tickets to take a "ride" in the train. And finally, the Pre-K students began a weather study. They participated in an interesting experiment where they made a "cloud in a jar".

Pyramid Model for Families

How can I get my child to cooperate with requests?

Getting into the car, picking up toys, brushing teeth - all things that need to be done but are definitely NOT preferred activities for kids. Parents often wonder how they can get their kids to cooperate when they don't want to do something. It's common for preschool age children to refuse to do things, but there are ways to get them to do what they're asked more often than not. Check out this article from the Maryland Pyramid Model that has some great suggestions for getting your child to do what you ask without a fuss.

[Teaching your child to:
cooperate with requests](#)



Spotlight on Development



Cognitive Development

Play is important for your child's cognitive development – that is, your child's ability to think, understand, communicate, remember, imagine and work out what might happen next.

Preschoolers want to learn how things work, and they learn best through play. Preschoolers at play are solving problems, creating, experimenting, thinking and learning all the time.

Spending time playing with your child is especially good for your child's cognitive development.

That's because playing together builds your relationship and sends a simple but powerful message – you are important to me. This message is key to helping your child learn about who they are and where they fit in the world. It also gives your child confidence to keep exploring and learning about the world.

Lighting the Way for Parents

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” **Matthew 11:28-30**

