



## Monthly Review

Dear Friends and Families,

The Place for Learning team is excited to provide families and friends with a newsletter that illustrates the learning that took place in our early childhood education classrooms. We hope you enjoy it!

October 2023 was very special for us, as we prepared to welcome fall activities and fun for the children and considered strategies to provide parents with support.

We had planned on opening Port Liberte's first children's consignment shop but found there was little interest from parents. Consequently, we decided to park this idea for the near-term. In its place, and to support parents, The Place for Learning is exploring the possibility of offering after-school workshops for children ages 4 years to 13 years. The workshops would offer STE@M-related content, e.g., Intro to coding, Intro to Robotics, Intro to Music, Instruments & Jazz. Under consideration would be a program that would provide services from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Children would be able to participate in 2 – day or 4-day workshops, with each day providing supports in homework help (language & math) as well as dinner (parent could purchase and have delivered a la carte or family - style).

During November 2023, we will coordinate with programs that support STE@M-related workshops and look to reconfigure our space to enroll a pilot classroom of 17 children.

Please know that we welcome your thoughts on this pilot program. Feel free to email Dr. Ivonne Barreras directly @ [frontoffice@theplaceforlearning.org](mailto:frontoffice@theplaceforlearning.org).

## In November 2023, The Place for Learning

During November 2023, children enrolled in our classes learned about:

- Color Recognition
- Learning cough etiquette
- Shapes
- Grace and courtesy- Sharing and Patience
- Practical Life- learning about healthy lifestyle
- Language- Focusing on letter's C and D and building vocabulary.
- Discovering their Five Senses

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Dear Friends and Families,

The Place for Learning engaged with the following themes throughout the month of November:

Theme: [Cooling Down](#)

As fall changes into winter, children will find seasonal changes fascinating. Snuggling up as the weather cools down and exploring ways that animals and humans prepare for winter and how trees and plants change.

Theme: [Barnyard Bash](#)

Life on the farm is filled with adventure! Children investigated all aspects of farm life, including animals, barns, harvesting crops, farming jobs, and equipment.



# Practical Life

Children developed socialization skills, as well as language skills through play. This prepares children to build independence.



**Pretend Play:** Children pretended to rake leaves.



**Preparing for Winter:** Ms. Nyla demonstrated how friends should prepare for winter. They learned that coats, hats, scarfs and gloves keep us warm in the winter.

## Practical Life: Infants

Develops gross and fine motor skills. Prepares children for writing and builds independence and responsibility. Supports the development of order and concentration. This takes place in all classrooms in a developmentally appropriate manner.



Child is pretending to cook. Learning practical life skills of holding a spoon to stir and pot to cook food in on play stove.



Child learns physical health and safety practical life skills learning how to wash dishes using pretend utensils and dishes. Children pretend to ride and operate a bus for pretend play.



# Practical Life: Infants



Pretend Play: Riding a bus. Children take turns riding a bus.



# Language and Literacy



**Letter C:** Friends learned about letter C and all things that start with C. Words like cookie, cow, corn, cat and cake.



**Diwali:** Friends learned about Diwali with a special guest who read to children and educated them about Diwali is.

# Language and Literacy

## Book List:

- Hello, World! Weather by Jill McDonald
- Old Baer by Kevin Henekes
- Big Barn by Margaret Wise Brown
- Hello, Farm! By Amy Pixton

## Color/Shape:



## Vocabulary:

Den, Geese, Groundhog, Barn, Tractor, Hay

Below is one of the songs we sang to the children. Parents, extend the learning by singing it at home:

### **Scamper in the Leaves**

Sung to "Farmer in the Dell"

Scamper in the leaves,  
Scamper in the leaves,  
We are little squirrels who like to  
Scamper in the leaves.

Swish our bushy tails,  
Swish our bushy tails,  
We are little squirrels who like to  
Swish our bushy tails.

# Sensorial



**Feather Push:**  
Children pushed feathers into playdough.



**Feather Art:**  
Ladybug friends made beautiful artwork by using the texture of feathers.



# Math



Fine Motor Skills. Child picks up block in attempt to stack the block.

# Science



**Penguin Lifecycle:** Friends explored the lifecycle of a penguin.