# Hoots & Hollers

# News From the Nest

This week at school we continued learning about all things fall by talking about pumpkins and the farm. Through carving a pumpkin, we explored what the inside of a pumpkin looks like and smells like.

During circle time, we carved two pumpkins. One, we put on display as a jack-o-lantern in our classroom. We carved the second pumpkin after reading a story called, <u>Pumpkin Jack</u>. In this story we learned what happens to a pumpkin when we throw it outside in the grass after Halloween is over. Throughout this story, the little boy watches as his pumpkin decomposes back into the ground, gets covered up by snow in the wintertime, and then begins to regrow when spring arrives. In an effort to recreate this, we placed our second carved pumpkin into a container of dirt. We will watch our very own "Pumpkin Jack" decompose and go back into the dirt and then hopefully begin growing again by spring, in our own classroom! Once Jack begins to grow and sprout leaves, we will replant him outside where he will have more room to grow.

Some of our fine motor crafts this week included making a square pumpkin out of orange squares, polka dot painting a pumpkin with q-tips, making a bird out of the letter "B", and making paper plate cows and sheep.

Our letter of the week was "B". Throughout the week, we talked about the sound the letter makes as well as made a list of words that begin with this letter.

Stories this week included: <u>Pumpkin Jack, The Littlest Pumpkin, Spookly the</u> Square Pumpkin, Old MacDonald Had a Farm, and <u>Cow Says Meow.</u>

Next week we will be talking about Halloween! Our letter of the week will be "C". When it is your child's show & share day, please have them bring in something that begins with this letter.

### Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween Party/Trunk-or-Treating No After School

Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Holiday, NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Holiday, NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Holiday, NO SCHOOL

#### Week of October 21st to October 25th

# What We're Learning



















### Reminders

As the weather is getting cooler, please remember to send in with your child a light jacket or sweatshirt as we will still be going outside as much as possible throughout the week! ©



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