

FAIR ACRES COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL AND SUMMER CAMP FALL 2019 NEWSLETTER

“CREATING POSITIVE EXPERIENCES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME”



Our school year is in full swing here at Fair Acres. The children have settled into their classrooms and have been forming great relationships with their peers and teachers. They have been busy learning math skills, literacy/language skills, and cooperative play. The children have so many opportunities to practice their gross motor skills from playing active games on our field, hiking our beautiful campus, running and climbing on our playground, and participating in group activities on our courts.

AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENTS

We just finished up another great session of our afterschool enrichments. The children enjoyed music and movement with Ms. Lori and cooking class with Ms Erika. The activities were very popular and the children had a blast. Stayed tuned for our winter session that will start in Mid-January.



COLD WEATHER HAS ARRIVED

Once again the cold weather is upon us. Please be sure to dress your child in layers, send warm coats, mittens, and hats daily. Also, please check your child's extra clothes box to ensure it has winter clothes.



ICE SKATING HAS NEVER BEEN SO FUN!!

Fair Acres is happy to be offering our “Learn to skate” program again this January. This program will take place this January at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center. The Fair Building students will travel by bus once a week for 4 weeks and will enjoy the adventure of learning to skate. Parents and grandparents are welcome to come and watch, or even better... lace them up with

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY



Officer Fullam visited our school with his police canine Yvonne. The children learned what role a police canine plays in helping to protect us all. Each child was given the opportunity to pet Yvonne. The children also got to see Officer Fullam's police car. **Thank you Barnstable Police Department for keeping us safe and special thanks to Officer Fullam!**



COMM Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services came to visit our school to teach the children about fire Safety practices. They demonstrated for the children how they prepare for emergencies. The children even got to explore the fire truck and learn all about the equipment used on the fire trucks. **Thank you COMM Fire Department and all the firemen who visited.**

KINDERGARTEN FOOD DRIVE



In November the Kindergarten class held their annual food drive to benefit the Sandwich Food Pantry. The student's collected food from our generous Fair Acres families. **THANK YOU!** The children learned about community support and used their math skills by collecting, sorting, estimating, and counting. A total of 365 items were delivered to the food pantry.

Thank you Ms. Linda and her students for making this possible!!

WELCOME NEW STAFF

EMILY ALVES



Emily joins us this year as our Pre-K teacher. Emily lives in Dighton where she graduated from Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School in 2010. Her childcare journey began in their vocational program and she then continued her education after high school at Bristol Community College, where she received her Associates Degree in General Studies. Emily is currently a senior at Bridgewater State University, majoring in Early Childhood Education with a minor in Special Education Inclusive Practices. She will receive her Bachelor's Degree in December 2019. When Emily is not in the classroom teaching she enjoys spending her free time with her Fiancé Bobby and her family. Emily enjoys being outside, hiking, going o the beach and working out.

LILY KERXHALL-KLEINFELD



Lily joined the Fair Acres community in the fall of 2019 after relocating from Upton, Massachusetts to Sandwich. Since graduating from Connecticut College with a bachelor's degree in human development and psychology, she continued her education to become lead teacher certified. She has 5 years of experience working in Early Childhood Education in Connecticut and Massachusetts. She has worked with children spanning from infancy to elementary school. Although Lily grew up in Central Massachusetts, she spent many summers at her family's home in Orleans which drew her to move to the cape full time! Outside the classroom, Lily enjoys pottery, plants, reading, and being outdoors. She is so excited to be a part of the Fair Acres team!

OUR WONDERFUL FAIR ACRES STAFF

Without a doubt our #1 asset here at Fair Acres!!



Lucy likes to help out anyway she can.
Here she is doing office work and
greeting Fair Acres students!

**LUCY WISHES YOU ALL A
SAFE AND HAPPY
HOLIDAY SEASON!!**



HALLOWEEN PARTY



Even though the weather did not cooperate with us this Halloween, fun was had by all at our annual Halloween Party. The children participated in fun games, marched in a parade and enjoyed some delicious treats supplied by our wonderful families.

THANKSGIVING FEAST



The children enjoyed hearing the story of the Pilgrims and Native Americans first harvest told by the Kindergarteners. After the classrooms learned about the first harvest, they all joined together to enjoy a Thanksgiving Feast that was prepared by the children. Everything the children prepared was DELICIOUS!!

CRAFT NIGHT



The parents and children enjoyed coming together for our annual craft night. Thanks to the generosity of the parents the children enjoyed creating holiday crafts to take home. Fun was had by all this evening.

EXPLORING NATURE

We believe at Fair Acres that outdoor time plays an integral part in a child's overall development. When children have the opportunity to play and explore their outside environment their cognitive skills are increased leading to more learning in the classroom. The children are given the chance to explore the Fair Acre's campus every day.

The children enjoy using our courts for a variety of activities, from bike riding, to basketball and soccer even a dance party with scarves.



Biking is a Fair Acres favorite!



The children have the opportunity to help make Fair Acre's campus even more beautiful by planting flower bulbs throughout campus.

Playground time is a favorite activity here at Fair Acres.



The children enjoy apple picking on the Fair Acres Campus.

CLASSROOM NEWS

YOUNGER THREES

It has been a busy fall in our classroom! The children have made great friendships in our classroom and forming bonds. The children are so excited to welcome Miss Lily to our classroom! Miss Lily came to us from the Early Learning Center in Grafton and we couldn't be happier that she has joined our classroom. We have had a very bust fall so far. We had a spook-tacular Halloween party that was so much fun! The children enjoyed going apple picking on Fair Acres campus was picked more apples than they could count. Everyone enjoyed making yummy apple treats and especially enjoyed eating them. One of the highlights of the fall was when Officer Fullam and his police dog Vonne visited along with when the Firemen came and the children got to explore the fire trucks. The children have had so many opportunities to explore Fair Ares campus and all that it has to offer. The highlight was when the children were the first class to explore our new outdoor classroom. We are so excited to start a new season, with all the fun that winter brings.



OLDER THREES

What an exciting school year it has been. Along with Ms. Jen and Ms. Chrissy the children have been very busy at work making new friends, learning new skills, and enjoying our beautiful campus. WE have learned about letters, numbers, explored pumpkins, and introduced special members of our family to each other. Our Halloween party was a huge success and fun was had by all. Thank you so much to everyone who sent in yummy snacks for the children to enjoy. The children have had so much fun exploring the campus and playing on our wonderful playground. The children have enjoyed getting to know Ms. Judy and Ms. Melissa who are helping out in the classroom while Ms. Jen is out on maternity leave. Ms. Jen will return to the classroom on January 2nd. We look forward to what winter will bring and to learn about Holidays around the world, gingerbread, and exploring winter animals. As we go through the next few months we will continue to work on skills, like zipping our coats, recognizing our letters and numbers, and writing our names.



Pre-k Classroom

Our Pre-K class is off to a great start. The children are adjusting well to the classroom and the expectations in the classroom. It has been fun getting to know each other. They have been creating wonderful friendships with each other. We have been busy reviewing old skills and introducing new skills through our weekly themes. Some of the favorite themes so far this year have been apple and pumpkin exploration, observing the foliage by the pond, community helpers, and learning about harvesting cranberries. The children have been enjoying science in the classroom along with science experiments. This gives the children an opportunity to work on their observation and prediction skills. We have been working on letter and number skills along with fine motor skills by practicing writing our names. We look forward to watching each child grow individually throughout the school year.



5-Day Pre-k

The five day Pre-K strives to uphold the Fair Acres philosophy of education the Whole Child. We work to create a nurturing learning environment that celebrates individually, encourages exploration and supports growth in all areas of development. Our priority during the Fall was to help the children adjust to the new routines and structure of the 5 day Pre-k classroom We focused on building strong social and emotional skills in order to help the children form bonds, develop trust and make connections. Our motto this year, "To have a friend, you have to be a friend", has guided many group discussion and inspired curriculum that focuses on kindness. Our Literacy skills are developing as we explore letter and signs and work with sign language, sing songs and learn poems. Our focus on STEM has supported exploration and discovery through various curriculum units. We love spending time on the Fair Acres campus, making observations about seasonal changes. We definitely enjoyed eating and picking apples. We are currently working on skills such as estimating and making comparisons between groups of objects. WE work on fine motor skills during our center times by using a variety of tools. We look forward to a busy winter, filled with FUN!



THE FAIR ACRES KINDERGARTEN EXPERIENCE



It is that time of the year when parents start to think about the kindergarten decision. Making the decision that will benefit both you and child can be a difficult one. Here at Fair Acres we want to help make this decision a little less stressful for you. Our Kindergarten program has been here for over 25 years and our students love the experience they have. After the children leave our Kindergarten program they are confident with their academic skills and social/emotional skills that they are ready to take on First Grade. Parents and future children are welcome to visit the classroom and see what a day in our Kindergarten program is all about. Please don't hesitate to call and speak with our Kindergarten teacher or Jodi with any questions you have about the program.

We pride ourselves in having a Kindergarten program that has only 15 children which leads to more one on one attention to help all children reach their full potential within the classroom. We have monthly curriculums that include math, language, literacy, science, and music and movement. All our curriculums are based on the MA Frameworks that are used in all Massachusetts schools. Fair Acres uses the "Reading Street" program along with Lively Letters. The children work on their fluency by using decodable readers. These allow for immersion with sentence structure, high frequency and sight words. All children are introduced and use journals to practice their writing skills. Our Math curriculum is based on "Math Their Way" and "Everyday Math". On a daily basis the children work on number recognition, basic addition and subtraction. patterns, counting by 2's, 5's, 10's. Throughout the year there are special projects that the children work on their exploring and collecting data, counting ourselves, others and items, exploring geometry through shapes and block center.

The children are introduced to Spanish starting in the fall. Miss Maria comes in each week throughout the year and teaches the children words, phrases and songs. We feel that outdoor time plays a large role in the cognitive and gross motor development of a child. At Fair Acres the children are exposed to outside and nature on a daily basis. It can be from riding bikes, to a soccer game on the field, feeding Amigo our horse, running and climbing on our fabulous structure, releasing the butterflies the children watched hatch, or simply walking our campus exploring the signs of seasons changing.

Without a doubt the best investment you could possibly make (just ask any recent Fair Acres Kindergarten family).

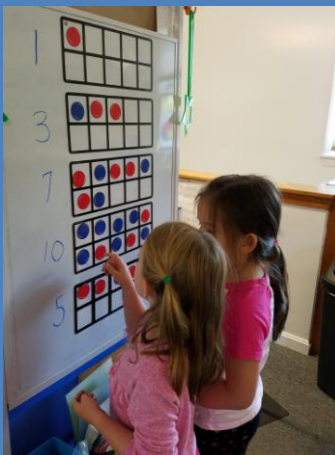


KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER



It seems like it was just September and yet here we are nearly half way through the school year! We are moving along in all areas, making progress academically while forming lasting friendships along the way. We continue to benefit from our weekly Spanish lessons and the children can be heard around campus utilizing their newfound language.

In November we again hosted the annual Read for the Record event. This year's choice, Thank You Omu, was shared with the Sanborn building and we added our reader participation numbers to Jump Start's total of over 2 million readers! Also, in November we organized our annual Food drive. We collected over 385 items (almost double from last year)! Thank you for your contributions. We have already begun to take advantage of our new Outdoor classroom space and we are looking forward to continuing exploring our curriculum through this new and exciting means. Spring is just around the corner!



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Holiday Recess: December 23rd-January 1st. We will re-open on January 2nd
- MLK Jr. Day-closed Monday January 20th .
- Registration for the 2020/2021 school year begins on 2/1/20

SAVE THE DATE

Open House:

Thursday January 23rd: 6pm-8pm

Saturday January 25th: 10am-12pm

This is an excellent opportunity to explore your options for the next year to ensure a good fit for your child.

Kindergarten Information Night

Thursday January 30th 7-8pm

We know there are a lot of options for Kindergarten. This evening is an excellent opportunity to learn why Fair Acre's Kindergarten is so sought after. Last year's enrollment was filled so we encourage early enrollment