

# FAIR ACRES NEWS

*"Your mind is a tool that creates your life through learning."*

What an amazing start to the school year we have had. The children have been adjusting to their classrooms and daily routines along with making wonderful friendships with their peers. They have been busy achieving self-help skills, learning math, language, and literacy skills, and participating in fun science experiments.



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# Community is Everything

## COMM Fire Rescue visits Fair Acres

Fair Acres students were visited by firemen from COMM Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services. The students learned all about fire safety and watched as the firemen demonstrated how they prepared for fire emergencies. The highlight of the visit was when the students got to go on and explore the firetrucks.



# Community is Everything



## Barnstable Police Officers Visit Fair Acres

The students enjoyed a visit from the Barnstable Police Officers during Community Helpers week. They got police badges and became junior Policer Officers for the day. The children also got to sit in a Police cruiser and Police Van.



THANK YOU COMM FIRE AND BARNSTABLE POLICE OFFICERS  
FOR KEEPING US SAFE EVERY DAY!

# Kindergarten Community Service Project

During the month of November, our Kindergarten class and the families of Fair Aces participated in a Community Service Project that benefits A Baby Center in Hyannis. With the help of Fair Acres families and our Kindergarten class, we donated 1036 baby items along with over 2,000 wipes. Not only did the children learn about Community Service and giving, but also utilized their math skills by counting, sorting, and categorizing all the items. A very special thank you to Miss Linda and her students for making this possible!



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO THIS AMAZING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT!

# Fall Holiday Fun & Festivities

## Halloween Party



On October 28th our Fair acres students and families came together to celebrate Halloween on the Fair Acres Field. Everyone was treated to fun games, a dance party, delicious Halloween treats, and a Costume parade. Thank you to our wonderful families for all the delicious treats!!



# Fall Holiday Fun & Festivities

## Thanksgiving Feast



On November 22nd the students at Fair Acres celebrated Thanksgiving by gathering with their classmates for a Thanksgiving Feast. The children created their centerpieces, placements, and costumes. Each classroom prepared its food and shared it with all the other classes. The kindergarten class told the story of the first Thanksgiving, and everyone participated in a Thanksgiving dance party. Fun was had by all!



# Classroom News

## Ms. Stephanie & Ms. Jen

What a great first few month it has been. The children have been very busy learning new friends' names, engaging at circle time, and practicing the many self-help skills including zippering their jackets. We have enjoyed such fun activities that have included apple printing, learning how to play in the Fair Acres GaGa pit, participating in fun science experiments like the sink or float pumpkin experiment, and having Roman's dad come in and teach all about fire safety. We have so much planned for the future months like learning all about the 5 senses, what animals do to prepare for the Winter, and sharing all our winter and holiday traditions. We are so excited to continue to get to know each other and grow our friendships.





# Classroom News

Ms. Alison &  
Ms. Tracy

We have been enjoying this nice warm weather but the cooler days are upon us. Please remember to dress the children accordingly and pack those mittens and hats. We have recently started working with Mat Man which is part of handwriting without tears, helping children with letter recognition and formation. We had lots of fun during Fire Safety Week especially exploring the fire trucks and seeing firefighters. Also, lots of fun during fall exploration outdoors, with so many nature classrooms to work in.

In November we started to prepare for the Thanksgiving feast by making placements and a turkey hat, and a couple of yummy recipes that were enjoyed by all. We continue to work hard on our fine motor skills, pinch grip, cutting, and tracing. Any help and practice at home is always great for the children's self-esteem.



# Classroom News

Ms. Julie & Ms.  
Annette



Happy Greetings from the Five-Day Pre-K! We have been quite busy enjoying the amazing season of Fall and all that it has to offer!! The children have engaged in various curriculum units and participated in daily learning activities designed to support their emerging skill sets! Some of our favorites include: Mystery letter bags, (a fun way to support letter/sound recognition) creating paper chains to countdown to special events, carving and exploring pumpkins which encouraged discovery and invited discussions, and working to build connections within the classroom community! We also enjoy our “Fun Fridays”, and always cook or create a special snack! We also love spending time outside on campus, on the playground, or in various outdoor learning spaces! This Fall some of our favorite campus activities included an amazing scavenger hunt and participating in two fun “story walks” created and set up by our wonderful Kindergarten students and their teacher! Please enjoy your Holiday Season!



# Classroom News



## Ms. Linda's Kindergarten Class

I am always amazed at the amount of learning that takes place over such a short time in our kindergarten room! We have shared opportunities to observe nature at its finest with our Monarch Project, hedgehog and rabbit visits, and the exploration of our beautiful campus. We have enjoyed time with friends indoors and outdoors as we participate in a meaningful and challenging curriculum. Our imaginations and creativity are continuously being utilized through our STWAM projects as well as our reading and writing activities. We integrated math and literacy into our Community Service Project as we collected items to support A Baby Center. In October we participated in Read for the Record g our classmates and millions throughout the world in a shared reading of Nigel and the Moon. Halloween was met with great enthusiasm as we prepared for our first Halloween performance. Hesitation leads to confidence and success! Our resident hedgehogs (Stuffies) have been spending time off-site visiting each child's family for a weekend. The children report back by authoring and illustrating the hedgehog's shenanigans. This activity is one example of many that will facilitate our work when we publish our very own book in the Spring. Miss Judy continues to engage the children 3 afternoons a week with enriching activities. As our year moves forward, we are excited to continue learning while also having fun here in our kindergarten class.



# The Kindergarten Experience at Fair Acres

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 allows 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.

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 the great outdoors and nature on a daily basis. It can be from riding bikes, to a soccer game on the field, running and climbing on our fabulous structure, releasing the butterflies the children watched hatch, or simply walking our campus exploring the signs of the seasons changing.

Our Kindergarten is without a doubt the best investment you could possibly make (just ask any recent Fair Acres Kindergarten family). Due to limited class size, we encourage you to enroll early to secure your spot. We will be accepting registrations in January!



# Warm Winter Wishes



At Fair Acres, we feel that experiencing the beauty of nature and the wonders of outside play is just as beneficial as what they learn inside the classroom. So as the cold weather begins to arrive, we would like to remind our families to dress their children appropriately for the weather and outdoor play. Please send in hats, mittens, boots, snow pants, and winter clothes on a daily basis so your child may enjoy our campus and all it offers.



## Learn to Skate Program

Fair Acres will be inviting all the children in the Fair Building to join in our Learn to Skate Program at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center. This year our program will be held in March. The students will be transported by bus to the rink where they will gain confidence and learn to skate on their own. More information will follow after the first of the year.

# Discovering Nature Every Day Through Play

When children have the opportunity to play and explore their outside environment, their cognitive skills are increased, leading to more learning in the classroom. Our students are given the opportunity daily to connect with nature while exploring and playing around our beautiful campus. Whether they are exploring one of our outdoor learning PODS, seeing what the geese are up to at the pond, splashing in puddles, to picking the veggies we planted from our garden, or running on the field the children connect with nature in all sorts of ways.



# Outdoor Fun

“Learning can happen anywhere just not in the classroom.”



# Outdoor Fun



# Creative Classrooms

*"Play is the highest form of research"*



# Creative Classrooms





# Happy Holidays!



## From all of us at Fair Acres



# Fun, Sun & Friendship Awaits



## Fair Acres Summer Day Camp

Our 2022 Summer Camp season was one for the books – full of fun, sun, friendships and memories that will last a lifetime! It is never too early to start planning for summer fun, and Summer 2023 is shaping up to be the best yet! We encourage you to consider your summer camp plans early, as sessions fill up fast! Registration will open in February at [fairacrescapecod.com](http://fairacrescapecod.com)

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