
Fair Acres Country Day School

Fall 2024 Newsletter

Fall at Fair Acres has been full of independent learning and peer-to-peer collaborative projects, including morning work, free choice, dramatic play, nature pods, lively letters, literacy blocks, farming fun and, more! From drop off to dismissal, our students have shown us how to put their best foot forward each and every day, and we couldn't be more proud of them...



"Creating positive experiences that will last a lifetime."



Fall 2024 Highlights: Projects & Initiatives



Mystery Readers

This Fall, we have had the opportunity to welcome family members and alumni to Fair Acres as part of our "Mystery Readers" program!

This program, which we kicked off in October in celebration of *National Book Month*, allows for the development of a love of literature, meaningful volunteer engagement and special memory making with community members, friends and family.

Our students look forward to guessing who the upcoming Mystery Reader will be and always enjoy the surprise reveal when our special guest arrives to settle down for story time with them. We are happy to be able to host our Mystery Readers through May 2025.

Community Service Project

The Kindergarten class is helping to make an impact through their annual Fall community service project during the month of November.

The class has organized an effort to support *A Baby Center*, which is a Hyannis non-profit organization that helps ensure the good health and safety of babies in need on Cape Cod and the Islands.

The Kindergarten class decorated containers to promote their project in order to collect a variety of donations for the center and the children and families it serves.

This special project provides our students with an opportunity to explore the concept of "community," and what it means to give back. Our younger students see our Kindergarteners participating in this project and look up to them as role models.

We appreciate all of the generous donations!



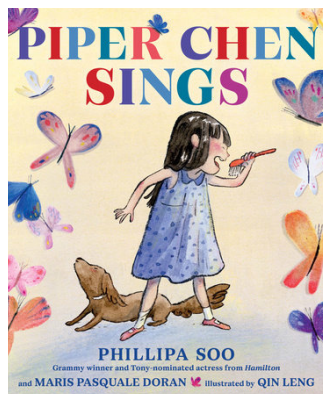
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Read For The Record

On October 24th the Kindergarten class hosted "Read for the Record," as part of the world's largest shared reading experience!

Each year, a book is selected that fosters language and social-emotional development, honors the diversity in our world, has a strong narrative, and appeals to young children.

As a part of this initiative, the Kindergarten class invited the other classrooms to join them in reading, "Piper Chen Sings."



The children also created a collaborative bulletin board illustrating the theme of the story - courage and self expression - through which process they were introduced to the Chinese language.

Language Acquisition: Spanish and Coding

The Kindergarten class began Spanish lessons with Señora Tiffani in October, and are very eager to learn the foundations of a new language this year.

The weekly Spanish lessons are designed to incorporate songs, games, and activities that promote knowledge, skill-building and a love of the language.

Studies show that learning a second language in Kindergarten can significantly benefit a child by improving their cognitive skills, enhancing problem-solving abilities, boosting memory retention, fostering cultural awareness, and laying a strong foundation for future language acquisition. Not to mention the fact that learning Spanish it is a whole lot of fun!

The children have also been learning about coding, which is another kind of language, and even began writing codes for our small, programmable Ozobots (robots).



Kindergarten Photo Collage



Pre-K Photo Collage



Preschool Photo Collage

Forging Friendships



Emergent Readers



Court Sports



Puddle Jumping



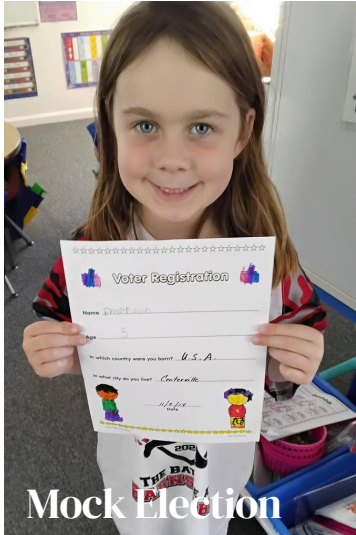
Nature-Based Learning



Playground Activities



Fall is Fabulous at Fair Acres



Mock Election



Pumpkin Fun



Fall Activity Centers



Tractor Day



Bike Days



Physical Fitness



Halloween Celebration

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