

Columbus Preschool Newsletter

Oct. 17th and 18th, 2011

Dear Parents,

This week we will be talking about what animals are doing in the Fall.

Mon./Tue. - (Squirrels) - The color gray will be a focus as we discuss Squirrels gathering seeds/nuts for a supply of food for winter, as they stay or are permanent residents. We will be using our scissors to make a gray Squirrel. We will practice the correct position of our hands as well as how to hold our paper, as they make fluffy tails.

Wed./ Thurs. - The color black and white will be our focus as we discuss two of our "black" animals that migrate/hibernate during the Winter.....the Blackbird and the Bat. As your children have shown a BIG interest in painting, we will explore another way to paint. We will use "white" paper and "black" paint, along with paint scrapers and other painting tools and make a design or pattern on our paper.

We are also going to test out our thinking skills as we make a prediction with a Science Experiment. We will be using a "white" carnation and put it in "black" food coloring and make observations, note changes, and discuss cause and effect. We will be making the discovery of the change on Wed./ Thurs. We will then place another "white" carnation in orange food coloring on Wed. /Thurs. and find out our results on Mon./Tue. (on orange/pumpkin day). I bet many more accurate predictions will occur with a little experience after the "black" carnation experiment.

BOOKS

We will be reading Nuts to you, by Lois Ehlert. This story has a little fact combined with a little silly part, which I think they will enjoy.

I will be retelling a story using props. It's about a bat named Scat that can change colors just like that (clap)! This will be interactive as you can probably tell.

RHYME

Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall.

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

All the Kings horses and all the Kings men

couldn't put Humpty Dumpty back together again.

(This will tie in to our "White" portion of the day.)

CLIFFORD WILL BE COMING TO YOUR HOUSE! Clifford will have a chance to come visit everyone for a weekend. We pick names randomly, so an exact date is not known for your child. But everyone will have a turn, sometimes it's hard to wait. ☺

* * DATES TO REMEMBER * * Halloween/Costume Party on Wed. Oct. 26th and Thurs. Oct. 27th. Your child is invited to wear their costume to school, if they want to. If not, that's ok to.