



## Ms. Anna's Classroom Newsletter Specials

### Animal Enrichment and Keeper's talk

The class visited the Bighorn sheep with Mr. Don to celebrate North American Hoofstock in November. The Zoo has 9 of them! Mr. Don hid food in toys for the sheep to find and eat. Bighorn sheep have amazing senses. They have sharp eyesight, amazing hearing, and sense of smell.



Had a visit to see Tyson, the turkey to celebrate Thanksgiving with Ms. Ellen. Ms. Ellen answered all the kid's questions about Turkeys. Tyson cannot fly but he can run. Turkeys lay eggs and they use their beaks to eat their food. The best part was when Tyson gobbled at everyone!

### Animal Ambassador

Ms. Jackie, the Zoo's Arachnid expert brought in Vinny, the Vinegaroon. Vinny likes to eat crickets, and meal worms. He has 8 legs and 4 eyes! Ms. Jackie let the kiddos know that if they just wanted a pet to watch and not hug or touch, then a scorpion could be a pet!

### Biofact

Ms. Judy brought in 2 beaver biofacts for the kids to observe and touch, a beaver tail and a chewed log. Biofacts are very important and help scientist learn more about the animal. The chewed log that Ms. Judy brought in was almost split in half. That's because beaver's teeth are very sharp and never stop growing. They chew logs to build dams as their homes. The beaver tail was flat and paddle shaped. Ms. Judy explained beaver tails are waterproof and paddle shaped so that they can flap it against the water.







## Visiting Experts

Ms. Lynn created a forest in the classroom! The kids picked pine cones outside and brought them in to plant. They will continue to take care of them and watch them grow.

Ms. Laurie continued yoga lessons with alphabet poses tying in with our Mindfulness lessons. In Zoo school, we practice creating a calm mind, stretching the body, and learning letters all at the same time!



Kacie, Ryan's mom visited the classroom to do a science experiment on liquid, solid, and gas. Kacie is a chemist and explained what matter is to the class. Matter is all the things around us like solids, liquids and gases. She had a fun experiment of mixing baking soda with a vinegar/water mixture. Once mixed, it had a chemical reaction which made it bubble and fizz. The kids used their senses to listen, see, and smell the reaction. It was an exciting and interactive way to introduce science to the kids!



## Socials: Field Trip at Delaware Park!

The kiddos got to have a fun adventure and play different ball games. They walked around and listened to the crunchy noise the leaves make underneath their feet. They even got to observe and say hi to Wilma and Betty, the Zoo Bison's!



BOCES book buddies helped the kids make "Thank You" wreath. They used colorful tulle, foam letters, a special turkey craft and colorful boos (pumpkin seeds soaked in coloring). They were used as centerpieces for "Thank You Day"!



## National Parents as Teachers Day!

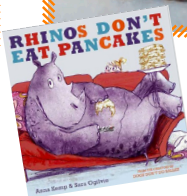
Jake, Dani's Dad, came in and decorated mason jars. Danielle, Luca's Mom, made a healthy food collage. Samantha, Atalia's Mom, did hand prints and created them into Fall trees with the kids. It was great having parents be the teachers and do such fun activities with the kiddos!

A very special friend of the preschool class, Ms. Melanie, has a brother who is in the Navy and wasn't going to be able to make it home for the holidays. The class surprised Ms. Melanie with gifts to send her brother and all the soldiers. Ms. Melanie was so happy to receive this surprise!



## Thank You Day Celebration!

The kids thought it would be fun to dress as scarecrows for our celebration. They performed thankful songs for family and friends. There were fun games like "Strike a healthy meal" bowling and making "Thank you" bracelets. Everyone enjoyed healthy snacks together! It was a wonderful celebration!



**Kitchen Corner:** Made pancake with Ms. Anna inspired from "Rhinos Don't Eat Pancake" book. Made pumpkin muffins with Pam, Dominic's Mom. A healthy and delicious Fall season recipe!

## Shout Outs

Thank you to Mystery Readers: Kacie (Ryan's mom), Linda (Hannah's grandma), Jack (Dani's grandpa), Samantha (Atalia's mom)!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



Thank you Sandy, for decorating the classroom for Thank You Day!

