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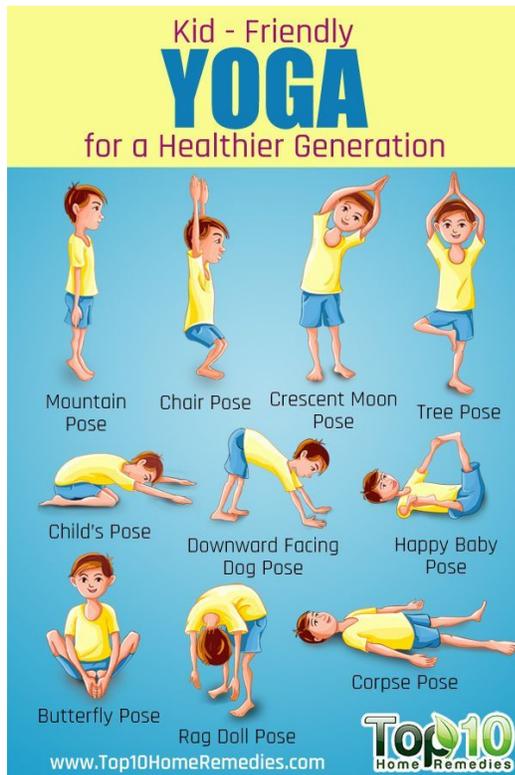
Tuesday/Thursday: This week we began our unit for October all about Fall! The children enjoyed singing new songs, including Autumn Leaves by Kidboomers and Counting Leaves by ELF learning. We also had fun with an interactive sorting activity on our TapIt that reinforced the autumn colors of red, yellow, and orange. The children moved various fall items into the appropriate color category such as apple to red, pumpkin to orange, and sunflower to yellow.

Wednesday/Friday: This week we began our Fall unit beginning with trees/leaves. Children had a great time learning the new songs. As we worked on color concepts, the children were able to choose his/her favorite color leaf (red, orange or yellow).

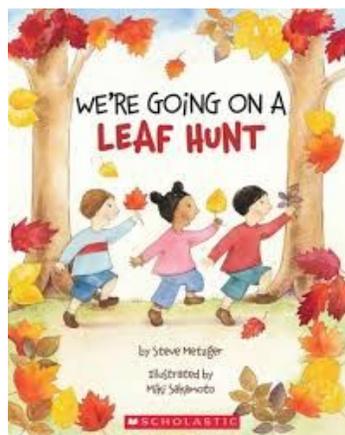
Music and Movement:

Tuesday/Thursday: We had fun shaking our parachute to Greg and Steve's freeze song with autumn leaves on it. It was fun to watch the leaves fly high in the air. We moved the parachute up high, down, fast, and slow. We also sang a song to the tune of "Jingle Bells" called "Autumn Leaves". The children each had their own leaf and listened to directions such as "leaf fell on my head", "leaf fell on my toes", and "leave fell on my nose". At the end of the song we had fun throwing our leaves up in the air and collecting them.

Wednesday/Friday: Before we began our music and movement we practiced our YOGA poses. This week we worked on crescent moon pose, mountain pose and downward facing dog pose.



Literacy:



This week we read "Going on a Leaf Hunt" by Steve Metzger. While reading the story we talk about the illustrations in the book and focused on our Fall vocabulary such as the color words: brown, red, yellow, and orange, leaf/leaves, and tree. In this story the

children are hunting for different colored leaves to create a fun pile to jump in. At the end of their journey they run into a stinky skunk! This book also focused on several core vocabulary words including: go, come, read, and turn.

Small Groups:

Cassi Small Group 1: This week we painted leaves using the marble ball technique. Children were able to request specific colors and then with a friend worked together to move the balls over the picture to apply the paint.

Cassi Small Group 2: In this group we played with play dough and fall objects. Children were able to use rolling pins to roll the play dough then press the cookie cutters into the play dough and finally find the fall objects that were hiding in the play dough.

Speech Small Group: This week we had fun creating beautiful autumn trees. The children used red, yellow, and orange dot markers to paint a coffee filter. Then we sprayed water on the coffee filter to make the colors blend. When the filter were dry, teachers glued them onto a piece of construction paper with a tree trunk. They are currently a nice addition to our classroom decor! During this activity the children practiced combining words into sentences, listening and following directions, and taking turns.

Choice Time Activities:

Kitchen/Dramatic play: This week we enjoyed playing with the food/baby dolls.

Blocks and Cars: In this area we worked on building trees with blocks (wooden, Legos, cardboard blocks) to top the trees off we added crumpled green tissue paper for the leaves.

Feeling Table: In this area we explored popcorn kernels and plastic fall manipulatives. We had cups, scoops and other fun things to transfer the corn and objects from one container to another.

Table Toy Activities: As always, the children are drawn to the Manga Tile pieces (if you are looking for a holiday or birthday present for your child---I would recommend getting a set of tiles). They also played a matching game with animals that live in trees.

Important Dates:

Next Tuesday are Parent Teacher Conferences. I will email specific times to each family.

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