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October in Review

We are in full **FALL** mode here at Discovery Village! Our villagers have been embracing the vibrant colors of the world around us and exploring so many materials within our classrooms. We have been jumping in the leaves that cover our playground floors and bringing them inside for art and science explorations. Learning is deeply connected to our senses as it aids in making connections. Playing outside in the leaves allows us to **hear** the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet, **smell** the crisp fall air, and **see** the different colors that surround us. Multimodal learning is teaching a concept through visual, auditory, reading, writing, and kinesthetic methods.

Experimenting with sensory in a variety of ways is a large part of our curricular activities. Sensory promotes learning through touch and feel and can also be relaxing for our minds and bodies. In most cases, our villagers wear some of the materials on their clothes, in between their fingertips, and on their faces too! Where is the fun if we have no evidence of it? Our children are given the materials as well as the time and freedom to take it all in and have fun while doing so. Take a look at these faces!



Hands-On Learning and Discovery!



A child's smile is the most authentic and genuine smile, for children only smile when they mean it. Here are some of our villagers immersed in a variety of activities at Discovery Village. By the looks on their faces, they are happy, engaged, focused, learning, and comfortable! Our soccer shots program with Soccer Shots of Westchester brings so much joy to our children. We love our partnership with Soccer Shots as they keep our kiddos active, teach them how to be team players, and use words such as "focus" and "patience" through their practice drills. Having a balance throughout our days is important. We make sure to have time for high-energy movement and engagement as well as calm relaxing activities. Sensory and science experiments spark curiosity and wonder while simultaneously teaching our villagers about cause and effect. The best part about Early Childhood is the relationships and connections that we create with our villagers. There is nothing more important than ensuring our children feel loved, valued, and safe in our care. The best smiles are the smiles that develop when they see their special friends and teachers at school!



Employee of the Month



🍏 Ms. Jessica! 🍏

We are so excited to announce our November Employee of the Month, Ms. Jessica! Jessica has her associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education and is currently attending classes online to obtain her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood! Jessica has such great energy and passion that she demonstrates daily in her commitment to her children. You can find Ms. Jess climbing through tunnels with the babies in her classroom and riding on the scooter cars. Jess loves to create hands-on sensory experiences for her students and gets right in and explores with them too! Jess runs birthday parties for young children on the weekends and is very passionate about fitness too. We are so grateful to have her here as a member of our family!



Reminders

Discovery Village will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd, and Friday, 24th in observance of Thanksgiving. **Discovery Village will be closed from December 25th – 29th for Winter Break.**



November Birthdays & Celebrations

Happy Thanksgiving ☺



Quote of the Month

