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December 2020



November in Review

November was a memorable month at Discovery Village filled with tons of learning and special moments. We are excited to welcome December and close out the 2020 school year. We had so much fun playing in the leaves and going on nature walks to collect and use the natural materials for art and science activities! On Election Day, we encouraged our students to Vote for their desired afternoon activity. They visited the voting booth and put in their ballot for water play, blocks or an art project. We wanted our villagers to understand that their voice matters and their vote counts! We are so thankful for all of the families, teachers, and kiddos who donated non-perishables to our food drive! We collected so much for an amazing cause and all of the goods will be donated to Feeding Westchester! Our classroom Friendsgiving parties were delicious and full of love, home cooked dishes and fun. It is getting colder outside, but you will always feel the warmth when you enter our facility!



Hands-On Learning and Discovery!



The themes and focuses in our classrooms have completely been brought to life through our environments, activities, and conversations with our villagers. The preschool wing has been focusing on Dinosaurs! We have had discussions about what Dinosaurs eat, how Dinosaurs grow from eggs and what Dinosaurs might feel like when we touch their scales. The infants have been enjoying colorful individual sensory bins to facilitate color recognition and sensory exploration! Our teachers have delegated classroom “jobs” to the children in the preschool classrooms where they have the opportunity to assist with the overall functioning of the day. Some children help with watering the plants or give out napkins to their friends during mealtimes. Encouraging students to be a part of the classroom transitions and aesthetics by simply hanging their art work around the room facilitates a sense of community and belonging. We continue to implement connectedness and relationships within all of our classrooms and ensure that we are modeling too!



CEO of the Month



 Dr. Shira Leibowitz 

As the end of the year approaches us we want to take a moment to recognize the owner of Discovery Village, Dr. Shira Leibowitz! Shira has gone above and beyond to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of the children, staff and families at Discovery Village all year. We could not ask for a more hands-on and dedicated educator to guide and nurture our village of young children. Discovery Village has grown immensely and has truly developed into a home-like center where education, curiosity, and love is fostered each day. Thank you Dr. Shira for all that you do for us!



Reminders

Discovery Village will be **closed** on Thursday December 24th in observance of Christmas Eve and Friday December 25th in observance of Christmas Day.

Discovery Village will be **closed** on Thursday, December 31st in honor of New Year's Eve and Friday January 1st, 2021 in observance of New Years Day.



Staff Birthdays this month:

December 26th – Ms. Ordalina

Quote of the Month

"THE HOLIDAY SEASON
IS A PERFECT TIME
TO REFLECT ON OUR BLESSINGS
AND SEEK OUT WAYS TO
MAKE LIFE BETTER
FOR THOSE AROUND US."