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August in Review

Back to school? We never left! Our summer is coming to an end and leaving us with so many special memories and moments. We have installed an outdoor garden on our playground for our children to care for and experience! We want to teach our villagers about patience and processes and how to care for the planet. We did so many outdoor activities and projects outside with spray chalk, paint, spray bottles, and natural materials given to us from the earth. We aim to bring our students together from each class and even bring classrooms together for collaborative projects and fun! We have been enjoying our Soccer Shots on Wednesdays and learning about control, aim, and coordination. Our main goal is to focus on the well-being of our children, our teachers, and of the community. We partnered with The Sharing Shelf of Westchester where we accepted donations from our amazing families to provide other families in need with clothing and shoes. Thank you so much for your generous donations!



Hands-On Learning and Discovery!



Check out these amazing pictures of our students completely immersed in a variety of experiences. These experiences include; gardening, contact paper murals with natural materials, mirror painting, and more! Some of our preschool students were given the opportunity to lay on their backs underneath the classroom table and paint a mural above them. Some of our toddler students were given the opportunity to wear a contact paper bracelet and attach natural materials to their wrists! They used grass, flowers, sticks, and leaves to create a floral bracelet all of their own. Teaching our villagers about processes allows them to understand cause and effect as well as how when you pour love into something consistently, it will grow and thrive! We are so grateful for our innovative teachers who plan and prepare these learning experiences for our students. We encourage our staff to plan their activities within the classroom spaces based on the abiding interests of the children! What better way to lead the learning than to place it in the hands and minds of the students?



Employee of the Month



🍏 **MISS. VALERIE** 🍏

It is with so much joy and excitement that we recognize Ms. Valerie as the September employee of the month. You can find Valerie in the infant classroom loving on all of the babies! She is usually sitting on the floor with the babies reading to them and engaging with them all throughout the day.

Ms. Valerie is an amazing team player and always willing to help and go the extra mile. The babies get so excited to see her when she comes in the mornings and her colleagues love working with her. We want to thank you, Ms. Valerie for all that you do here at Discovery Village. The children are always happy in your care and we feel so safe and secure with you here.

Thank you for all of your hard work, love, and dedication!



Reminders

Discovery Village will be **closed** on September 1st and September 2nd for our Staff Development Day as well as September 5th for Labor Day.



Staff Birthdays this month:

Ms. Jocelyn – September 6th

Ms. Claudia – September 9th

Ms. Nosheen – September 10th

Quote of the Month



YOU HAVE BRAINS IN YOUR HEAD.
YOU HAVE FEET IN YOUR SHOES.
YOU CAN STEER YOURSELF ANY
DIRECTION YOU CHOOSE.

-Dr. Seuss

