

**Dr. Montessori—In  
her own Words:**

**"Children work for the sake of process; adults work for an end result"**

**"The first essential for the child's development is concentration"**

**"Mental development must be connected with movement"**

**Notable&Quotable**

*Iain told the teacher he was going to zip his jacket because, "this is dragon-breath weather."*

*Adrian gave Mr. Allen high praise when he told him that his shoes were "almost cool."*

"Was that a goldfinch perching in the early September woods, or just the first turning leaf?...the leaves will start cringing on the trees, and roll up in clenched fists before they actually fall off. Dry seed pods will rattle like tiny gourds, but first there will be weeks of gushing color so bright, so pastel, so confetti like, that people will travel up and down the east coast just to stare at it—a whole season of leaves."  
Diane Ackerman

## Celebrate Fall

October offered the children the chance to work with the rich colors and textures of Fall. We took our first walk as a class to observe Autumn with all of our senses. The children collected a trove of natural treasures—leaves, tree bark, acorns and seed pods. We continue to learn about and explore the many facets of leaves, apples, trees, pumpkins,



Kelvin sorts Fall treasures

gourds and corn.

It is amazing how many ways a simple cob of corn can be used by children. They are spooning, sifting and pouring corn using different vessels and tools.

The de-kernelling process is a focusing and calming experience. It

also is excellent practice for strengthening the muscles in the thumbs and fingers used in the pincer grasp. They are proud of their "strong thumbs!" At the end of their hard work, everyone enjoys the sensory experience of searching for surprises in a table of loose corn.

The older children counted out 100 pieces of Indian corn and glued them on a graph. This is very useful for math and fine motor and yields a beautiful piece of art. We ended the month with our wonderful trip to Unangst Tree Farm—fun and discovery!



Dylan and Ja'Naiya on the Hayride

The children also learned



Susanna works with 2 knob-less cylinder boxes

about Diwali—the Festival of Lights. Many children chose to make a colorful candleholder from baby food jars and tissue paper to enjoy their own light.

Thank you for sending in information and pictures of your children. We learned the children's favorite colors, favorite foods, and plans for the future. We look forward to the next generation of teachers, veterinarians, guitar players, paleontologists, and mummies. No matter how many times their aspirations change over the years, we know these children are capable of great things!

We hope you will make it to Heritage Day, which is November 7th, to hear a sampling.