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**MIXED BAGS
FALL FUNDRAISER
Kicks Off October 5

**Monday, October 15
Teacher In-service Day**

**No School for 3-6
& VPK Class**

After Care for Full Day Only
Toddler Program as usual

**Wednesday, October 31
Naranja / Orange Day**
Wear something orange! Sign
up to bring an orange snack



The Wonders of Autumn

Administrator's Notes

Is your child coming home speaking Spanish and/or wanting to teach you sign language? Be sure and look for a handout this month on "Los Animales," encouraging your child's enthusiasm of learning a new language.

While we may not have the brilliant display of autumn leaves in Florida (except for the colorful crotons!), fall is still an exciting and much welcomed season! The children and staff are ready for cooler days and more time



for fun outdoor lessons and gardening. Below, my toddler friends enjoy a slightly cooler afternoon.

In October, we kick off our Mixed Bags Fall Fundraiser. These products have been extremely popular in the past, and

the company has added new, stylish and useful products for all ages. These will make great gifts for the coming holidays and all year round!

We now have 24 'Likes' on our Facebook page! Thank you for your involvement and participation. It's been great to be able to share more photos with you of the joy and wonder of all your children are learning and experiencing!

Remember, you can now read or print the newsletter from our website and send the link to friends and family when your child's photo is in it.

Cindy Mastin, Administrator

(Above: Samantha helps with the gardening)



**COMING UP
IN NOVEMBER**

- NOVEMBER 12—
Teacher In-Service Day & Parent Conferences for 3-6/VPK
- NOVEMBER 20—Family Thanksgiving Celebration & Pot-luck lunch
- NOVEMBER 21—
Grandparents Visit for 3-6 AM class; EARLY DISMISSAL 11:30

A Season of Celebrations Begins



Rather than observing Halloween here at Rockledge Montessori, we celebrate the season of fall in October. October 31st will be Naranja/Orange Day. The children will wear the color orange - or naranja - and share a sampling of orange foods.

November 20th, we will celebrate Thanksgiving school-wide with our families for our 7th Annual Thanksgiving Family Celebration and Pot Luck lunch. Watch for details coming home in November.



Our 3-6 classes celebrated Peace Day, 2012



Mrs. Fraleigh's 3-6 & VPK Classes



expanding their range of experiences, while having great fun learning and developing a love of reading. We celebrated the end of Tigers at Twilight by making tiger masks.

In October, we will be learning the parts of the body, parts of the skeleton, the life cycle of a pumpkin and about Fall in general. We'll also learn about fire safety and have a visit from a firefighter. Please see Mrs. Mammay and myself to sign up to bring orange snacks for Naranja Day on October 31, and wear something orange!

The afternoon children are enjoying our Magic Treehouse adventures; they are learning about geography, history, civilization, how to discuss important topics, increasing their vocabulary, and



Ava & Grace read to Mrs. Rodriguez' One Year Class

Mrs. Mammay's 3-6 & VPK Classes



Derek works on the Planisphere map

We welcomed Ben and Eric from Mrs. Smith's Two Year Class in September.

The children enjoyed working on our Peace Day celebration, making peace signs for the Peace Tree, learning how to say "peace" in many languages, and learning a friendship song.

In October, we will be learning about Christopher Columbus

and his voyage. We'll toast and taste pumpkin seeds.

We're observing the life cycle of Oleander caterpillars, which were brought in by Elroy for show and tell. We're also sprucing up our butterfly garden. Donations of any extra plants you may have in your garden to add to our butterfly or other gardens are welcome and much appreciated!



Eric works on a square push-pin lesson

Mrs. Smith's Two Year Old Class



Avery exhibits her painting

We welcomed Avi, a new student to our school, in September. Cooper and Avery moved up from the One Year Class, as Ben and Eric moved up to Mrs. Mammay's 3-6 class. During October, we will focus on the color orange, the triangle shape, and the number three. We are also looking forward to spending more time outdoors celebrating the fall season, looking for autumn leaves and acorns on our nature walks, and watching our surprise pumpkin patch grow! And we will learn about the different sizes and colors of pumpkins and taste a pumpkin pie.



Phaneeshai enjoys the big slide on the playground

Mrs. Rodriguez' One Year Old Class



Shane having fun in the portable tunnel

We look forward to our new friends Cynthia, Olivia and Zoe starting with us in October! Our class has been settling into our routine and they are doing a great job on working, cleaning up and having lots of fun!

This month we are also focusing on the color orange, the triangle shape, the number three and the fall season. We are looking forward to being outside more, enjoying the fall weather and tasting a pumpkin pie. Don't forget to wear something orange on October 31st!

Gianna seriously loves art time!

