

# November Newsletter

Welcome City Kids families to November! We are so excited to share the exciting activities, field trips and events that occurred last month. City Kids celebrated Thanksgiving, experienced the presidential election, and learned about being grateful and the importance of togetherness.

## Teacher Lourdes

What an exciting month November has been. November was full of love, thankfulness and friendship.

We began this month with learning about our global destination, the United States. We chose the United States because of the 2020 Presidential election. Our class made the American flag, learned about the importance of voting and even took part in our own election.

After the election results, we had a discussion about what we hoped our new president will do to help our country and listed the things that we were most



excited about for the future.



This month, we focused on Thanksgiving, what our family traditions are, what we do on Thanksgiving, and what the holiday means to us. Many of us said that we would be spending time at home with our families and helping cook our delicious meals with our parents. Some said that they would be calling friends and family over Zoom and others said that they were grateful for their teachers, families and food. In order for us to celebrate at school, we decided to have our own social distanced Friendsgiving. We ate carrots, veggie pot pie and pie!



November also meant field trips! We took three nature field trips; Will Rogers State Recreation Park, LA Arboretum and the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve.



### Teacher Barbara

We continued our learning! This November brought gratefulness and special events! We continued to experiment with music and colors to energize and make our learning more fun!

Colors and sounds!



Sorting by colors!



Colors and vowels!



Colors and motor skills!



Memorizing and repeating sound patterns!



We also tried more challenging movements in Dance Class! One of the highlights of this month was our very own election with some very cute candidates! Our students voted for their favorite animal: cat, dog, monkey, or rabbit. We talked about what it meant to cast a vote and practice counting the votes. We closed out the month with a Friendsgiving picnic with all our friends.



## Teacher Myrna

For the month of November, we traveled to North America and landed in the United States of America! Our global destination guided us to learn about all 50 states! Children shared their thoughts of where they have traveled within the U.S.

Jax shared, "I go to see papa Joe in Texas!" Josephine said "I want to go Pennsylvania because Vamperina is born there." Owen shared "I went to Boston in Massachusetts to go see mimi and poppy." As we explored and learned more this month, we talked about California, the state we all live in.



At the end of last month and beginning of this month, we also talked about our Election and how important it is to vote. We learned that we all have a voice and that we have the right to share our ideas. Our class president is Sam Driscoll (who has been absent and gone on a long campaign) and our Vice-President is Vera Marsh Nagao. We are so proud to recite the pledge of allegiance every morning.



One of the values that we spent much of the month discussing was gratitude and how we can instill that in our students. We talked about things that we are grateful for and how we show appreciation for our family and our friends. We also talked about how we can be kind to one another and use kind words. We were inspired to create gratefulness trees! Here you can see our group constructing them using air-dry clay with tree branches that we collected on a fieldtrip. We then shared what we were thankful for.



## Teacher Berenice

During the month of November our Global destination was our very own country, the United States. We learned where the United States is located and about the flag, its colors and what it represents. Throughout the month we got to try many different foods from different states. We have also been focused on learning the Pledge of Allegiance and reciting it every day during morning meetings. Another topic we discussed and learned about was the Presidential Election. The children also got to participate in their very own election. They learned about the importance of voting and the voting process. In celebration of Thanksgiving, we were able to discuss what we are thankful for. The students were able to work on a special project we called a thankful tree. In this project they were able to express and write on a few leaves what they

were thankful for. Many of them shared they were thankful for their families, pets and toys. They were also able to make their own tree by using clay and sticks we collected during some of our previous field trips. The students really enjoyed the process.



This month we also enjoyed many wonderful field trips. We love nature and taking in the views. We went for a hike at Will Rogers State Park. At the Los Angeles County Arboretum we saw turtles and many different kinds of plants. We took in the views of the lake and watched the ducks at Burton Chase Park. During our visit to Riley's Farm we enjoyed a hay ride, learned how to turn butter and made our own candles, just like they did in Colonial America.



### Teacher Maria



### Traveling to the United States:

This month we talked all about the United States. We learned that the U.S. is made up of 50 states and that we live in one of them, California. The children were all very excited to learn that they are part of the U.S. We learned about the meaning of the flag. We learned about the 50 stars and 13 stripes on the flag. The children all made their own flag and passports to put their American flag "stamp" in. We also practiced reciting the Pledge

of Allegiance and understanding the meaning of it.

### Will Rogers State Park:

This month we visited Will Rogers State Park. We saw horses and the kids were all very thrilled to watch them. After that we went on a nice hike in the park. We walked all the way up to the overlook. We talked about the different animal footprints we saw during our hike. The children all played "I spy" naming different things and different colors in Spanish. Overall it was a great hike that the children enjoyed.



### Visiting the LA Arboretum:

One of our most fun field trips was visiting the LA Arboretum. Here the children were able to see peacocks. All the children were very excited to be able to walk amongst the peacocks. We walked around the Arboretum seeing different plants and animals all around us. Some children said that they felt that they were on an adventure in the jungle. We even got to visit

the rose garden.

### Woodley Park:

We had fun visiting Woodley Park this month. We visited the lake where the children saw ducks and geese. The children compared and pointed out the differences and similarities between them. We walked around the park and saw different animals. We saw everything from ducks and squirrels, to ants and pigeons. We were all very happy to go on this nature field trip.



## Being Thankful:

One of our main topics this month was thankfulness. We discussed the meaning of being thankful. We all shared different things that we are thankful for. We decided to have a thanksgiving picnic with our friends. The children all had a special thanksgiving meal made by our cook which included veggie pot pie and then pie for dessert! It was such a special treat! We finished our thanksgiving picnic with a dance party as requested by the kids. We are all very happy that we could still make Thanksgiving a very fun day for our children.

## Teacher Dina

For the month of November, we traveled to the United States of America! This month we focused on learning the Pledge of Allegiance and all 50 states. We also learned about the election and how important it is to vote. This month we also focused on the letters M,A,S and T and numbers 1-10. As we continue to explore the month of November, we spoke about things that we are grateful for and the appreciation we have towards our families and friends. After sharing our ideas, the children were inspired to create some gratefulness trees! They loved making these grateful trees for their parents and families. This month we also had some fun field trips in nature that we all enjoyed. Our first stop was to the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve where we walked around the lake and explored how beautiful nature looked on a beautiful sunny day. We also visited the Los Angeles Arboretum which is a home to plant collections from all over the world, including many rare and endangered species. We got to visit Queen Anne Cottage and Coach Barn and more fun structures to explore. We had so much fun looking at the beautiful Peacocks!



