



Monte Tavor Newsletter

A Spanish Immersion experience

for children ages 0-5.

Fall is about science and exploration

Outdoor Play

Outdoor play takes place from early spring to late fall. Children spend more time indoors toward the end of October or early November. The transition from playing outdoors to indoors is normally gradual, but due to bad air quality from wildfires, we were suddenly forced to remain indoors for nearly three consecutive weeks. Luckily children of all ages coped with the change very well. Teachers incorporated activities that promoted movement and exercise, as the seasons first rains continued to keep us indoors. As we neared the holidays, children engaged in activities that encouraged their learning about different customs and traditions. Children decorated ornaments for the holiday tree and prepared for the two weeks they would spend with their family. Photos of the outdoor activities at the Laguna site are a great illustration of the different types of games and physical activities prepared in the fall months. Pgs. 3-4 (Laguna Sites) Pg. 10 (Skyline Site)

Babies

Babies at Laguna were able to play in the indoor/ outdoor covered areas. A group of infants advanced to the covered classroom next door to partake in more challenging activities that promote physical skills. This classroom offers cause and effect toys such as pop up boxes, spin around, xylophones, cars, trains, balls and a mini-house they can

enter through a door or window. They also learn how to climb softer equipment, used tunnels, mini slides, and learn to ride rocking horses. Pg. 5

Skyline babies played indoors or on the outdoor deck area on sunny days. They were sometimes able to play with some toddlers and which helped build social interaction and gross motor confidence. Lastly, they had access to certain toys from the sensory or music boxes which provided entertainment as they played with the toys themselves or watched older children sing along .

Dramatic Play

Dramatic Play became the most emergent theme after the fall dress up festivities in October. Children took on many pretend play roles which allowed them to be doctors, veterinarians, hair stylist, chefs, moms and dads, and many other roles. It also served as a way to build social skills and language concepts as they shared indoor space, used props and learned new vocabulary. Pgs. 6-7 (Laguna) Pg. 9 (Skyline)



Science /Sensory Activities

Science and exploration is fun to enjoy during the outdoor months. In September and October, children had the opportunity to participate in the Science Fair event and continued with those activities until November. Children 15 months and older were able to play and be hands-on flour, cornstarch, iced water, bubbles, baking soda, vinegar, pretend snow, kinetic sand, water play at the tables and tubs, sink and float activities with different fruits and props, magnetic puzzles, different sized and shaped magnets, and other viewing activities. Science / exploration was everywhere and was the stem for emergent themes topics in the fall months.

Art Activities

Art is a an activity that children participate in year round, that helps with focus, attention span, creativity, cognitive critical thinking skills, abstract thinking, relaxation, and builds confidence for not to be afraid of making mistakes. Art takes place both indoors and outdoors and allows children to freely express their imagination and inspiration.

Fall Science Fair

Fall science fair was a total success. Children had a lot of activities and science experiments at this expo. See page 11 to view some of the activities presented on this day.

Fall Outdoor Play (Laguna Sites)



[Check out the Pictures](#)

View our web galleries for pictures from time to time. Check out the parents' app for group or individual pictures! [Photo Gallery](#)





Playing games outdoors and building with blocks and linking toys.



Babies at the Laguna sites

They are always busy playing and discovering toys.

Dramatic Play







Art and Sensory Activities





Babies at Skyline





Skyline Indoor/Outdoor Activities





Holiday Three Decoration

Recognition Awards

We would like to thank all individuals and organizations who nominated Monte Tavor
Preschool Programs to be the winner for the 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018

Best Businesses of Oakland Award Preschools Category.

Monte Tavor feels very proud of such merit to be granted. Thank you!!!



