

Hello Room 1 Parents!

Kalo Mina-to a good month-and happy Friday!

What a week with Halloween, Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead in Spanish today), and working REALLY hard on a special "project" for our parents during conferences!

### Highlights:

What is a simple machine? Where did they come from? Why are they simple? These were all some questions that were brought up this week during our exploration time with some pretty interesting answers! I can't wait for you to see them during conferences:) We played around with inclined planes during open gym and that got us thinking about what other inclined planes might we see on a daily basis. Some of their answers included hills, slides, ladders, and more. On Tuesday, we read the book How Many Seeds In a Pumpkin by Margaret McNamara with Ms. Alexandra's class and had a lot of fun with our activity! First, we got together with our partners before reading the book and wrote down our predictions about how many seeds we believe are in each (a small pumpkin, medium, and larger one). After reading the book, it was time to dig in! The kids decided how they were going to divide the seeds up, count them, and add their totals. One group decided to have everyone make their own groups of 10 so they could count by 10's once they finished, while the other group chose to make their own groups of either 5's or 10's, add their own together, and then add everyone's final count. At the end of the day, our class added the number of seeds from all three pumpkins for a total of 1,177!

One of our favorite activities on Halloween was our Halloween mad lib! This was an excellent activity to introduce us to a few different parts of speech. In this case, we needed various nouns, plural nouns, verbs, and adjectives, as well as some other fun ones thrown in (holidays, celebrity, etc.) This is such a fun and easy way to get your child more familiar with different parts of speech that you can try at home! Ours went like this (bold words are theirs):

*I can't believe it's already **Christmas!** I can't wait to put on my **Ms. Maria** and visit every **Caymen Islands hotel** in my neighborhood. This year, I am going to dress up as **Donald Trump** with **tall heads**. Before I **eat**, I make sure to grab my **big store** to hold all of my **tacos**. Finally, all of my **paints** are ready to go! When **Megan Trainer** answers the door, I say, "**Mr. Chris** or treat!" Yum! I got a **banana** and a **turkey**. We visit **four** houses and decide it's time to **dance** home. My **mom** says if I eat too much **strawberry**, my **hand** will hurt, so I'll just eat **two** pieces and go straight to bed. I hope I'll have **large** dreams of **legos** tonight! Happy **Thanksgiving!***

Have a fantastic weekend and don't forget to read those books, especially now a Six Flags ticket on the table!

-Ms. Anna