

## PRESCHOOL PRESS

### Welcome to New and Returning Friends!

The Griffin Academy is delighted to welcome sixteen new families and eighteen new children to the school this year. It is such fun to see the children form new friendships and strengthen the connections formed last year.

The children have settled nicely into the routine of school. They continue to learn the importance of being responsible when doing their daily or weekly job—whether it is as line leader, attendance/office messenger, snack helper, or lights helper. They are learning to care for each other and to take care of their classroom as well as learning how to ask each other for help.

The children have been busy reviewing letters of the alphabet, reading books, learning new songs, learning a new language, playing on the playground, exercising with Fit Kids, meeting classroom puppets, comparing apple tastes in science, making bubble wands, learning about the five senses, finding a pumpkin (growing!) in the courtyard, and so much more.

Dramatic play continues to be a highlight of every classroom. The Academy presently has a grocery store called the Cookie Jar Market, a pizza restaurant named Elves' Yummy Pizza Place, and another restaurant that serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner known as Magic Dragon Restaurant. The children so enjoy voting on new dramatic play ideas and take great pride in setting up, decorating, and making sure the play area is tidied up at the end of each day.

How fortunate the children were to have traveled to the Discovery Theater to enjoy the music of Mista Cookie Jar! The children delighted in singing and dancing along to the music. Many of them were lucky enough to meet Mista Cookie Jar after the show! The Academy is looking forward to going back to the Discovery Theater for a few more shows this year.

The Unicorn Class (three-year-olds) went on a field trip to a local grocery store. This trip coincided with the Cookie Jar Market set up in their room. The children couldn't have been more excited or more charming during their tour. They visited the different food departments, met the employees of the store, sampled food, touched a real lobster, and were sent home with a bag full of goodies!

The children truly enjoyed the Academy's annual trip to a Halloween playground, and were so delighted to learn Halloween songs in preparation for their Halloween parade. The halls of the school were full of princesses, witches, superheroes, and more on Halloween morning! What a wonderful start to this school year, and the children have much to look forward to in the months to come.



What a find!



Trying out a homemade bubble wand.



Making friends is a special part of preschool.



Did you ever think you'd get to "meet" a real lobster at the grocery store?



Off for their first field trip and bus ride!

*"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."*

~ Emilie Buchwald