



## Week of October 26th, 2015

We had a great week at The Ridge. The children were so excited about Halloween all week and we gave them many opportunities to explore this holiday. We had one table set up for letter matching where the kids practiced spelling 'Happy Halloween.' There were different types of letters the kids could choose from and this was a great time for us to talk about letters, which ones are repeated in certain words and the sounds that these letters make. It was an activity that each child could participate in no matter how many letters they already know. I overheard kids saying, "I see two H's!" and "I have an 'A' in my name too." I love hearing the children make these natural connections to letters that they already know.



Of course we also had the Halloween Sensory Table which was a favorite this week. Children spent time digging through the beans looking for snakes and spiders. There were stories created and haunted ideas explored! They especially liked making potions and creating creepy concoctions for the grown ups in the room! I drank way too many spider iced coffees and tasted more eye ball soups that I care to admit!



Our field trip to White Barn Farm was a great success. We got to meet Paula and her adorable sheep. The children were so excited to be able to feed the sheep and get so close to them. Our felting project gave everyone a chance to explore the wool that came from the sheep and spend time focusing on the very tactile activity of wet felting. The felt pumpkins came out great and if your child wants to attach their stem this week, they can bring their pumpkin to class in a labeled bag and we will dry felt it on. On the way home from our field trip Isi declared, "This was the best day of my life!" I have two more field trips planned for the spring and I would love to have another one before then so we will see where everyone's interests take us...



A big thank you to all of you for joining us (and bringing treats) for our Halloween Celebration. The kids had a blast making rock monsters, singing their songs and trying to eat those sugary apple doughnuts with no hands. I hope you all had a wonderful Halloween weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone this week. Happy November!

