

Dear parents,

We are already saying good bye to October; we started this month by presenting the family trees, we enjoyed to see all the pictures and to hear the children talk about their families.

We identified 5 senses and children practice the song “Yo tengo 5 sentidos” which means “I have 5 senses”.

One of the activities meanwhile was talking about the sense of taste; the children had the opportunity to try familiar flavors and new ones, like the “chamoy”, (*refers to a variety of savory sauces and condiments in Mexican cuisine made from pickled fruit*), which by the way not very many liked it.

Children also smelled different fragrances like garlic and perfume to mention some of them.

After we had identified the 5 senses we were able to apply them in this new season of the year that many people like “el otoño” or “the autumn”, in one of our classes we went outside to collect different types of leaves, observed them carefully, felt their textures and sorted them by size, color and shape.

As we talk about the fall, “harvest” is a very important part of it and we can’t forget, and during this month we have talked about corn, and together discovered all the different types/colors of corns and using our senses we identified, smelled and tasted the products produced with corn.

The apples were present in our lesson too as we observed that apples don’t look the same and don’t taste the same. But they all

are “apples” and have the same shape and texture. They sorted apples by color, counting them, used them as stamps, etc.

Now the last week of October we are talking about pumpkins, we read a story about them using the book “How many seeds in a pumpkin” which gave us the opportunity to open a pumpkin, take the seeds out and count them in groups of 10. *Is amazing how much we can learn from a pumpkin.* And for November we will continue our theme “Fall/Harvest” and we will talk about “Food Pyramid”

We would like to mention that the kindergarten group has been very helpful with the younger children. They like to help them during the circle and other special projects, they also enjoy seeing our “Little Explorers” and “Mommy and Me” students, they welcome them when they arrive to the school and want to help.

#### Vocabulary

otoño - fall  
manzana - apple  
hoja - leave  
maiz - corn  
manzano – apple tree  
temporadas- seasons  
calabaza - pumpkin  
gusto - taste  
calabaza - pumpkin  
tacto – touch  
vista - sight  
olfato - smell  
oído- hearing

#### Songs:

“Yo tengo 5 sentidos”  
/ I have 5 senses

“Comer bien” / eat well

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