

Happy Fall! We are so excited to be in the month of October, and learning all about our new themes and ideas. Here is a little taste into what our fall season has been looking like so far!



Thanksgiving

This month we will be talking about what it means to be thankful, and what we can all be thankful for in our lives. We take this time to talk with the children about all things in our world that we are so lucky to enjoy, love, and be surrounded by.

Here are some things that our Thinking Garden friends are thankful for:

- “My teachers, my mom and dad, and my dogs!” “I’m thankful for my stuffy, and for ketchup!”
“I’m thankful for crabs! And falling leaves, and starfishes!” “My Mommy and Daddy and brother!”
“I’m thankful for my cousins and friends coming over to my house!” “Animals, and my dog!”
“For drawing, painting with my sister, and snuggling with my dad!” “My family!”

Harvest, Pumpkins, and Halloween!

We are spending the rest of the month talking about harvest season and pumpkins with the kids. This is a special time where we can take note of what is happening in the world around us, and bring it into the classroom. Many of our children spend time with their families this month going to corn mazes and pumpkin patches, so we are able to use these experiences to talk about the importance of farmers in our community who spend the time growing the corn, pumpkins, and other foods for us to enjoy!

We bring pumpkins of all different shapes, sizes, and colours into the classroom for the children to explore. We spend time touching, smelling, exploring, carving, painting, and even tasting the pumpkins. This will give children the chance to use all their senses to explore! It is a great opportunity for them to explore an ordinary object, and let it become something extraordinary!

And finally, we spend the last two days of the month allowing the children to wear their costumes to school and enjoy this exciting time of the month in the classroom! Dressing up and playing pretend is such a crucial part of childhood, and a part of our classroom that we love to see flourish. Allowing them to dress up exercises their imagination, fuels creative development, creates new worlds and characters, and allows them to place themselves into real life situations! When children engage in imaginative play with costumes and props, their self expression and artistic minds can thrive!

