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Parent Participation

At this year's Back-to-School Night, our Pre-K teachers conducted workshops in which the parents participated in various hands-on activities that their children engage in on a daily. Not only did they enjoy having this experience, but it gave them a much more vivid understanding of their children's lives in the classroom.



Community Participation

Gerri DeSilva, our volunteer coordinator, attended the third annual Youth Volunteer Opportunities Fair in Chappaqua on Oct.22. The fair provided fifth graders and up with the chance to meet representatives from local organizations, learn more about the organizations' missions, and to find their niche for volunteering. Last year, seven volunteers chose to work at our Center as a result of Gerri's outreach.

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"Where Children Learn
to Love Learning"



Teatown's regular nature program for the three and four year olds provides close-up exposure to a variety of animals and items from the natural world.



Fall 2017 at OCC!!

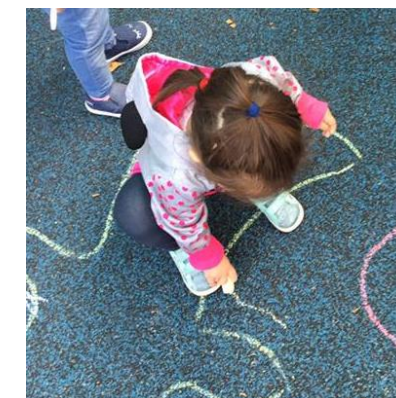
Dear Friends,

As I walk into the Children's Center every morning, I see preschoolers happy to be here and excited about learning. These children already have a strong foundation for life-long learning, achievement, and well-being. This is thanks - in no small part - to you and your ongoing support. I can't thank you enough.

Howard Milbert, Executive Director

Programs

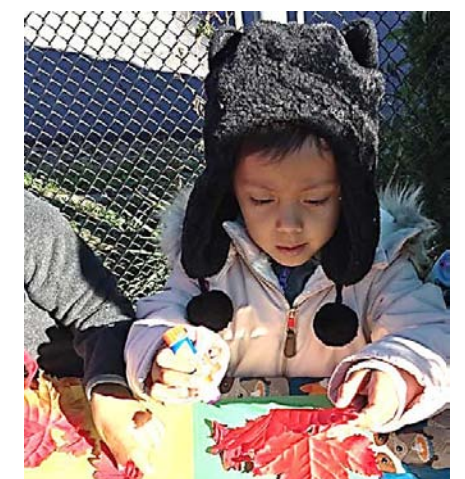
At the start of each new year, our children begin to learn facts about themselves, which helps them



differentiate between self and other. The very youngest children worked on naming their body parts using snapshots taken by the teachers, while the preschoolers drew self-portraits, explored their favorite colors, and practiced

recognizing their names in print. The pre-kindergarteners created family shields depicting their families' cultures and countries of origin.

And of course, this is the time of year to take in the beauty and bounty of the fall season. Our infants and toddlers collected fall leaves for making leaf prints. The three year-olds collected and painted pine cones and made hand-print fall trees, while learning the colors of the season.





Annual Apple Picking Trip

The annual apple-picking trip led to a variety of activities including picking apples and pumpkins, play-time in “Tiny Town,” visiting farm animals and getting lost in a two-acre corn maze. The children also used kitchen gadgets to peel and core apples in the process of baking apple pie and apple crisp. A special thanks to all the parents who volunteered as chaperones to help make our trip a success.



“I don’t know who enjoyed the apple picking trip more – my daughter or me! I had never been apple picking before. Thank you, OCC, for giving my family a new and delightful experience.”

OCC Parent



Our Pre-K students are enjoying monthly visits from a music and movement specialist, as well as a series of trips to Theatre O, the local children’s theater.



Fall Festival

Each group participated in our annual Fall Festival, which took place under a stunning blue sky with the Ossining High School’s Marching Band providing the festive music. Four members of the Ossining high school band are OCC alumni.



A Visit from the Fire Department

Field trips and specialists add tremendous enrichment to our programs. The Fire Department’s visit is always a highlight for the preschool, allowing the children to climb into the truck, as well as to learn important safety rules.

