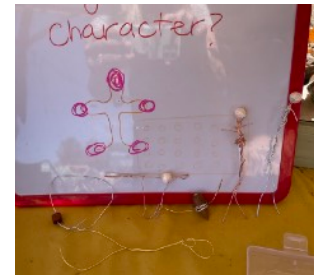


# Acorn Happenings

November 2024



Language and Literacy



We have been storytelling with some children's classics- 3 Little Pigs, The Billy Goats Gruff, Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have fun replaying and recreating as they tell the stories with props.



Characters are an important part of storytelling- the children created characters with various materials AND created some costumes for our Traction Man character.





The many adventures of Traction Man and Scrubbing Brush... each week Traction Man has a new adventure.



There is a new villain and character to be saved each week. The children then create the story based on the set up.



Next, the Sprouts have been taking turns dressing Traction Man (he loves clothes), choosing the supporting characters and telling us a story. Pretty soon it will be the Seeds' turn! And as we begin to finish this study, we are meeting with our buddies to have each student create their own book. So stay tuned!





# Science and Engineering

One of the best parts about being outdoors is how easy it is to explore science concepts. From art to building, games and experiments, so much can be learned through play!



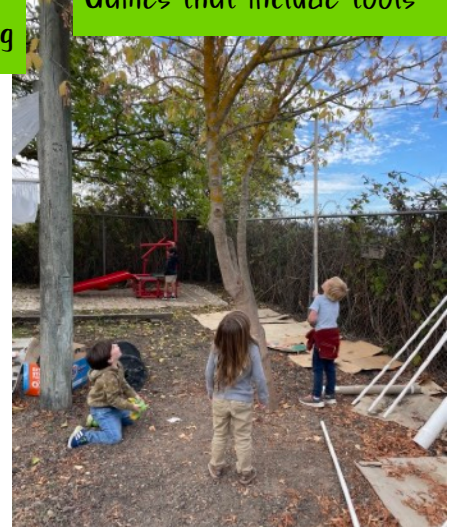
Observing pathways and placement for successful rolling



Games that include tools



Building with others- peers and buddies!



The children have been very interested in ramps- they've explored rolling and launching. Children have begun to understand how to increase accuracy and speed through continuous trial and error.



'Tis the season of ACORNS! We experimented with sinking and floating- a sinking acorn is healthy for growing! Children made predictions and compared them to their observations.





# Math



We explored math through counting games, sorting, and playing with big counting and skip counting, as well as representing and writing numbers.

## Fine Motor



Some seasonal finger gym activities included cracking walnuts and pumpkin hammering!



## Social-Emotional Learning



While everyday is filled with practicing social-emotional skills, one piece we've been exploring is our "group plan" and when it's a good idea to follow the group plan or venture out with your own ideas. I think they would all agree that pajama day is a good example of a good time to follow the group plan!





This group is still enjoying many exploratory art experiences with a big interest in color mixing. After reading *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert, children created their own “leaf man” and told the story of their page.

## Art

## Connecting with the Earth

While some children learn about weather by talking about it in a classroom, the Acorns are out experiencing weather! They got to try the super slide, splash in big puddles, and clear our own little “river” for a smooth path- they are learning about the many properties and effects of water! Water is so powerful and amazing!

