



The Pre-K Computer October Bytes

Hello Pre-K parents:

With the Halloween season upon us, I thought it would be fun and educational to learn about the Skeleton inside us! We watched an educational video on YouTube to introduce your child to the skeletal system. We discovered that a baby is born with 300 bones, but an adult has only 206 bones. So what happened to the other bones? Ask your child to see if they remember that many bones fuse together to form a new, bigger bone?

We played a body matching game on the computer and then to reinforce what we learned on the computer, we built a skeleton on the bulletin board. We learned how to keep our bones healthy by eating calcium rich foods, exercising, and staying safe to prevent broken bones. We observed and touched a real cow's skull, looked at a dinosaur and animal bone book, and then matched different X-rays of our bones to their corresponding body parts (the worksheet was sent home). We sang a song about bones while dancing and exercising!

Earlier in the month we read an online book called, "Pumpkin, Pumpkin" and used an app to create Jack-O-Lanterns! We talked about the various shapes, expressions, and sizes. We also designed our own pumpkins using the tangrams at the table.

In addition we continued to graph the daily temperature by reading the outside thermometer, compared the outside temperature to the inside temperature, categorized the wind speed (breeze or gale) by observing the movement of the anemometer, and determined the amount of rain by reading the rain gauge! Who will be our next meteorologist?

WE WORKED ON THE NEW JERSEY EARLY CHILDHOOD STANDARDS

We developed our powers of observation; identifying, comparing, contrasting, and classifying bones and shapes. Explored the concept of bone growth and learned how to keep our bones healthy. We developed our "scientific language"; the names of our bones and body parts. We used shapes to create pumpkin art, read books online and explored and recorded weather data on two charts.

Get up and do some dancing with "Dem Bones" at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qeSSmNRBlqY>

During November we will continue to enrich our math skills by working on our numbers from 1 to 100, learning about the concepts of greater than, less than, and equal to, and introducing addition and subtraction too! Wow, who loves math?

Happy counting,

Mrs. Carvalho

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