

KINDERHAUS NEWS

NOV 15-19



Building a birds' nest

Once again we had a week full of fun and frolicking in the ever-changing weather of fall. We started our week off with shelter building as our project. During circle, the children enjoyed sharing animals that would be looking for shelter this time of year and then on our discovery walk collecting materials for making shelters. They worked together collecting leaves and bark, sticks and moss.... At the end of our walk some of the children gravitated toward the big leaf pile for rolling around in and jumping on. Others worked together to build shelters: a birds' nest for a hummingbird and a lean-to for a bear (a very small bear, that is.) - On Wednesday, not only did children make shelters for birds and squirrels, but Steve repaired and rebuilt a shelter for Kinderhaus children: the willow hut. Children enjoyed helping with this by hauling large pieces of willow for the project. And it was a treat to have Steve working alongside us for



Hauling willow for the willow hut

the day. Many thanks to him for remaking this beloved Kinderhaus "shelter". - Tuesday we had a lovely walk to the river but found half of the bank we play on covered with water. To the children's chagrin, we did not let them wade in the water between the bank and the "island" that was made. (: - They still had fun, fishing with huge sticks and climbing on trees on the upper bank. - And on Thursday, due to cold temps, the walk was cut short - just a trip to the bridge and back - but still a fun time. - Walks are always an adventure. - And on Friday, along with fun in the sandbox and other imaginative play, many children enjoyed raking leaves into a big pile with Steve. And then being buried in it.

During circles, we sent warm wishes to all of you who were away this week, on vacations or because of being under the weather. Wishing health and safe journeys to you all.



Reminders and Notes:

UPCOMING NO SCHOOL DATES:

Thanksgiving Break - Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26

ONGOING REQUEST

At home, please encourage your child to get themselves dressed and undressed of outer layers whenever possible. At Kinderhaus, we are working on this everyday, and we continue to see progress. Some children can do it on their own, others need help on various levels. - Any support you can give on this from home is greatly appreciated.

Books/Stories of the Week

Monday- *Woodland Dreams* by Karen Jameson - a story of animals snuggling into their shelters before going to sleep.

Tuesday - The Hedgehog's Harvest - a Waldorf Story about a Hedgehog family who helps a farmer friend gather the harvest before Jack Frost comes. They then have a harvest celebration and afterwards snuggle in a cozy, shelled out, giant pumpkin shelter.

Wednesday- *Wild Child* by Lynn Plourde - a story about the Wild Child Autumn and their activities before being put to bed by Mother Earth. At the end of the story, Winter wakes up.

Thursday - Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson - a story about a bear who sleeps through a celebration that his animal friends are having in his cave. When he wakes up and is disappointed, they reassure him that they can still celebrate together, which they do. In the end they all fall asleep while Bear is left awake.

Friday - Little Apple, a Book of Thanks by Brigitte Weninger - the story of an

apple growing through the seasons and of a child's thankfulness for it when they eat it in the fall.

Project for the Week

M/W/F - Shelter building



Morning Circle Theme:

Thankfulness and Earth Resting

Song: The Earth, the Air, the Fire, the Water. Return. Return. Return. Return.

Song: *I Thank The Earth*

"I thank the earth for feeding my body. I thank the sun for warming my bones. I thank the trees for the air I breathe. And I thank the water for keeping me whole."

Little Ones that arrived:

Jack's - Firelight

