



# OLG News from the Classrooms

October 2023

## THE EAST WING

The East Wing is in full Fall swing! The children have adjusted beautifully to our classroom environment and schedule. Our fun fall and Halloween themed works and songs are a big hit! Our first-year students are working hard on Practical Life activities such as sorting, using a spoon to transfer objects from one container to another, zipping, using a tweezer, and many more fine motor activities. In the Sensorial area the children are learning their colors and shapes. Pre-reading skills are being developed through picture/object matching, rhyming, go-togethers and letter recognition. One-to-one correspondence skills are being developed in the Math area of the curriculum.

Our full fours children are excited to be role models to our new students. They have been working hard in every curriculum area of the classroom from the maps in the geography area to the learning beginning sounds to counting objects from 1-10. The room is buzzing with enthusiasm for learning.

Our Kindergarten students are enjoying being the “big helpers” and role models to the other children in the class. They are working hard on pumpkin addition, sounding out beginning, middle and ending sounds as well as learning about all parts of the body.

Keep watching this space for next month’s news!



## THE NORTH WING

Hello from the North Wing! It's hard to believe that fall is already in full swing. Our North Stars have been so hard at work since the start of the school year, and we are so excited to share all that they have been doing!

With the change of season comes a change in the works on our shelves! Our Halloween works are now out and the children are thoroughly enjoying working with them.

Our Kindergarten students are doing a great job learning their ghostly addition as well as working on the calendar and practicing beginning sounds. They have also been enjoying being great role models to our new friends at school.

Our full fours children are becoming experts on counting numbers 1-10 and working on opposites and sequencing. Our geography and science works are a big attraction to the fours as well. They too are enthusiastic to help our new first year students with some of the works that they have mastered!

Our first-year children have settled into the routine of the classroom quite nicely ~ selecting works, completing them and returning them to the shelves. They are making friends and learning to share ~ always a difficult concept at this young age. Activities in the Practical Life area which strengthen their fine motor skills continue to be introduced along with color and shape recognition in the Sensorial area.

We are loving singing and moving to our fall themed music and can't wait to sing and dance along with our upcoming Halloween songs.

We have truly had such a wonderful start to the school year and can't wait for all of the exciting things coming up at OLG!





## FULL FOURS

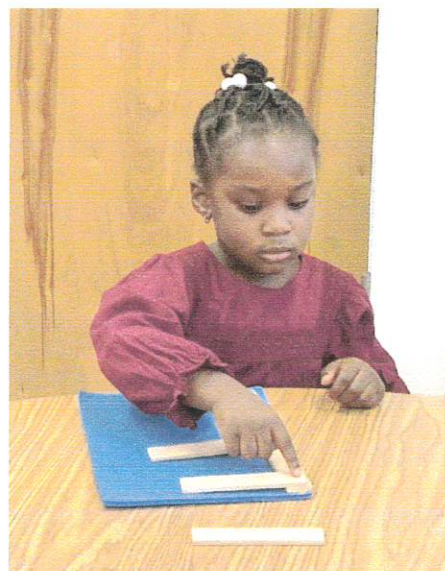
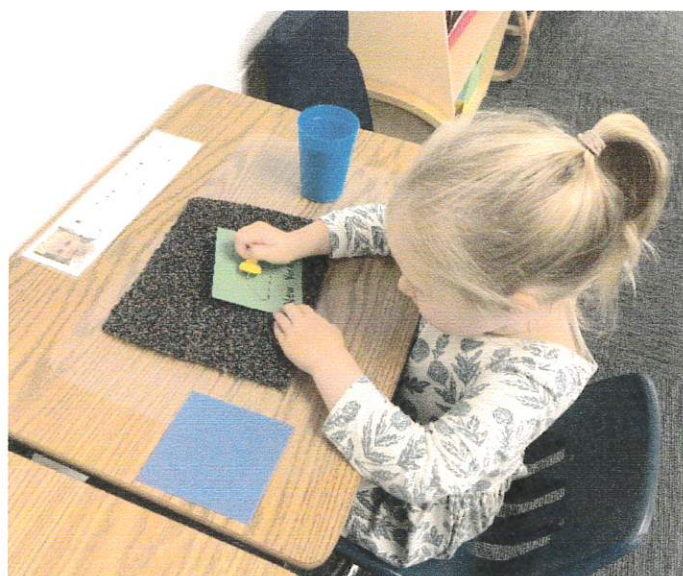
Happy Autumn! The Full Fours are off to a wonderful start. We have been learning about the parts of the body, hygiene, and exercise. Next, we will learn about dental care, nutrition, and our five senses.

In geography we are studying North America, the USA, and New York. Next up will be Mexico, Hola! We will explore music, culture, landmarks, and the flavors of Mexico! A full fours favorite will begin soon ~ the Mexican Hat Dance!

Next up in our science curriculum we will be meeting and learning about our first endangered animals ~ sea turtles named Lucy, Ruby and Benji.

Our pocket chart has been seasonal, and we will soon begin with Nursery Rhymes, i.e., Jack and Jill. We practice pre-reading skills such as left to right, top to bottom, skipping over the spaces, letters together to make words and putting words together to make sentences.

As part of our Learning Without Tears program we began with the letter L, E, F and will move next to H, T, I. We introduced Mat Man (wooden pieces used to form letters ~ big line, little line, big curve, little curve). Ask your child about Mat Man's Halloween costume!

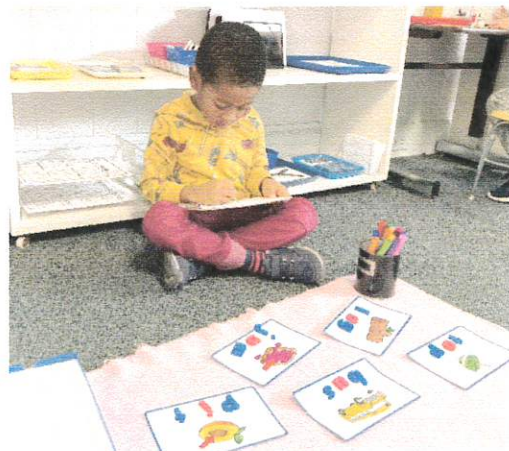


# KINDERGARTEN

The children are acclimating well to kindergarten.  
I am enjoying getting to know them.

- Math: We are working on writing our numbers, sequencing, patterning, using Venn diagrams, ordinal numbers, counting, place value and simple addition.
- Science: We are learning about insects. The children have been taught that insects have many parts: head, thorax, abdomen, six legs, antennas and sometimes wings. They are learning how to look up insects in the BUG dictionary to complete specific works. Look for their creative insects which they will be bringing home.
- Other Science: The children are learning about water. They are introduced to terms like Cohesion, Capillary Action, Buoyancy, Absorption, Solubility, and Surface Tension. Soon we will move on to the unit on air.
- Phonics: The children are working on beginning and ending sounds, rhyming, syllables, ABC order and putting short vowel words together. They are busy creating signs that they see in their neighborhood. The children work on their sight words every day and we sing 3 new songs each week. They enjoy creating tactile sight word packets.
- French: In French, the children learned how to say hello and goodbye and express how they are feeling. Up next, they will learn the names of family members.

The children also enjoy snack time and relaxing in the reading corner.  
I look forward to a great year!





## ELEMENTARY

The elementary class has had a great start to the new school year. Second and third graders have been teaching the new first grade students how to take care of our classroom. All the elementary children complete tasks from our weekly job chart, such as attendance taker and electrician (turns off the lights and air purifiers at the end of the day). The herpetologist takes care of our class pet, a red-eared slider turtle named Shelly. They are enjoying harvesting crops from our class garden and creating culinary masterpieces to enjoy in class together! The children have settled into working independently from their workplans and are enjoying new challenges in all subject areas. We have had an excellent September!

