

Napa Valley Montessori Elementary

October/November Newsletter

The Halloween party was a bunch of fun! We had ninjas, iron man, transformer. We examined an adult male brain specimen for our Anatomy class. We made mummies of our friends, crawled beneath a web to get prizes, danced with our parents and made a green Oobleck!

During the month of October we started collecting the Cabbage worms who were eating our dinosaur kale, and now they have all turned into their chrysalises! We will protect them through the winter in the hopes of them turning into Cabbage White butterflies in the spring. We also have a green horn worm that is also in its pupae stage. If all goes well it will turn into a Hawkmoth in the spring. Wish us luck!

We also erupted a volcano we built with our own hands!

Here's a picture of our safari puzzle. It was definitely a team effort and we pulled it off!

We would like to welcome our new classroom pets. We now have four hermit crabs adorning our room. They are interesting creatures we are enjoying watching and learning about them. Life in the classroom is moving right along at a steady pace. We are continuing to make strides both in math and language.

Science:

We've continued to add important events to our Geologic Time-scale. We learned about the Comb Jelly, the three big starting branches of our tree of life: the Bacteria, Archea, and Eukaryota from which all life stems. We'll be learning about the almighty dinosaurs and food chains. We'll be looking under a microscope at pond water to see if there are any single-celled organisms for us to study. We are also going to perform an experiment where-by we will study why sea water doesn't freeze.

Culture/Art:

We will be building our own food chain mobiles.

We are going to study the history of Thanksgiving.

Announcements:

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Noon dismissal on 11/27,

No school 11/28, and 11/29.