



Green Beginnings Chicago News

Take a peek into our classrooms and see what we have been discovering!

A Message from Katie and Krissy...

Hello Families!

We would like to thank you all for your overwhelming support and participation as we celebrated Green Beginnings' first anniversary this past month! We are so thankful for all of our families and look forward to our continued growth.



Spirit Week was a hit!

Upcoming Events

GB's 1st Annual **HeAlThOwEeN!** Join us **Sunday, October 26**, from **11:00am-1:00pm**. We'll meet at school for some healthy Halloween snacks, then head over to Union Park to parade around in our costumes!



October Birthdays



10/30 Rebecca Saccomando (Maude's Mom)

10/30 George Liebentritt (Lola's Dad)

New Faces at GB

Wow! Look how many new friends joined us in September!

Seedlings:

Macade Root



Eero Sorrell



Harry Steigelman



Anders Wolf-Boze



Chase Johnson



Sprouts:

Michael Carolan



Buds:

Maxim Meissner



Tilley Blatz



Carys McCreery



Nicholas Boudreaux



Blossoms:

Maude Gorczowski



Ellie Lee



Lola Liebentritt



Darian Johnson



Clifford Bailey



Seedlings

Ms. Larrita, Ms. Jewel, Ms. Brittany, Ms. Cristina, and Ms. Juliet

During the month of September, Seedlings focused on shapes. Seedlings were encouraged to place shapes in the middle of a circle taped to the floor and watched as teachers taped triangles to the floor. Teachers named the shapes of items in the classroom as Seedlings picked them up, and encouraged Seedlings to knock down stacked circle and square blocks during play.

Seedlings created stamped art with various shapes, made collages, and formed patterns with blocks using different shapes and paint colors. Seedlings also explored leaves and looked for different shapes during our nature walk. They also had a blast at the sensory table exploring circle shapes and balls in water.

The shape study continued as Seedlings used balls during movement exercises. Seedlings practiced strengthening exercises by balancing on a beach ball face down in order to strengthen their neck, arm, and leg muscles. Seedlings were also encouraged to reach for balls during tummy time and older Seedlings used their arm muscles to roll and throw small balls, then crawl after them.



Sprouts

Ms. Fran, Ms. Jisela, and Ms. Sandra

September was a month full of spirit and discovery. Green Beginnings celebrated our 1-year anniversary and the Sprouts room celebrated the meeting of new friends as our group expanded by 4 new members. We proudly welcome Ava Larson, Aurelia Torres, Zara Mansour, and Michael Carolan to the crew.

We have been busy getting our hands dirty not only during arts and crafts, but in the kitchen too as we cooked up some delicious yet nutritious recipes and concocted some wacky experiments. We also worked out our bodies by practicing yoga, dancing, and exploring the outdoors.

We ended the month with Spirit Week in which we showed off our p.j's, wacky hats, favorite sports teams, favorite characters, and ended with an indoor picnic. Needless to say, September was full of discovery, school pride, and celebration.



Buds

Ms. Judy & Mr. Jorge



It's hard to believe that Fall is here! We have been so fortunate to have great weather for lots of outdoor play.

We have kicked off this new school year with so many wonderful themes and topics. Our first focus for the month of September was on friendship. This included meeting our new friends that joined the BUDS... Tilley, Maxim, Carys, and Nicholas!

The children have made many new friends at school with whom they are learning to take turns, cooperate, work, play and have fun times with.

They are also learning the BUDS classroom routine, many self-help skills, and pro-social behavior. We will focus on the children being a little more independent as the month goes on. The children have been doing awesome! Yay Buds!

We are starting to focus on a color and shape a month. How perfect as the new season is approaching! We encourage all parents to go over the colors at home both in English and try it in Spanish. Activities include painting, cooking, and even outdoor exploring.

We are looking forward to a colorful and productive month as we grow a little bit more in the Buds room!

Blossoms

Ms. Devon

The Blossoms kicked off autumn with an in-depth apple study. We learned about the various parts of the apple (*leaf, stem, seed, skin, flesh, core*) as well developed an understanding of the apple's lifecycle (*seed, seedling, tree, blossom, flower, fruit*). Of course, we couldn't study apples without tasting them, so we had an apple taste-test and then voted for our favorite apple. We created a bar graph with our votes and discovered that the Granny Smith is the most liked apple in our class! In the Kids' Kitchen we enjoyed creating homemade applesauce and used apples to make unique art prints. Our new friend Clifford shared that he and his family even had the opportunity to go apple picking! Next up... pumpkins!

The Blossoms were excited to welcome several new friends to our classroom during September: Elizabeth Lee, Lola Liebenritt, Clifford Bailey, and Darian Johnson. As our classroom continues to grow in the next couple of months, our Blossoms will be focusing on developing the classroom community and learning about how to support the younger classrooms as role models and leaders.

