

# Director of Child Care Center Board Report October 12, 2020

## <u>Staffing</u>

We continue to look for full-time staff members to join our team. We are also looking for short notice substitutes.

#### Grant

In September, I applied for two Child Care Counts: Covid-19 Supplementary Payment grants through the Department of Children and Families.

Providing Safe, Healthy, And High-Quality Child Care Opportunities

We were awarded **\$6,885.00**. These funds can be used for the following purposes:

- Mortgage/rent
- Utilities
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Materials/supplies for cleaning and sanitation
- Materials/supplies for enhancing the program environment, curriculum and family engagement activities
- Professional development and/or continuing education
- Structural changes/modifications to meet compliance guidelines or enhance the program environment

#### Funding Staff Recruitment And Retention Efforts

We were awarded **\$5,560.00**. These funds can be used to support the costs associated with recruiting and retaining high-quality staff by providing incentive pay or sign-on bonuses to current or future employees with approved background checks.

#### **Infant/Toddler Room**

October has been a fun month in the infant/toddler room! We painted pumpkin cutouts using acorns in a container and had the kids shake it up. Another activity we enjoyed was sweeping up leaves and tossing them into the air. Our kids love to make messes and are always trying to help us clean them up. One of our newest little is starting to like tummy time and roll over from his back to his belly. As you can see he is one happy boy!











## **Preschool**

We have been talking about fall and learning about how the leaves on the trees are changing colors. We learned that it was from the big word, chlorophyll. We read the book, "Why do

Leaves Change Color?". We talked about all the different colors of leaves that we have seen outside on the playground, at home, or on our walks. The kids really enjoy looking for the different colors getting to see the leaves that are already on the ground. We painted with broccoli



to make some fall leaves on our tree trunks. We have also been

learning about numbers. We practiced counting to the number five with counter objects and had to move them one at a time as we counted from one plate to another. We had fun learning a new song, Five little Ghosts, and heard the story, "Five Little Ghosts".







## School Age

Our before school kids have been staying active in the morning playing games. They really enjoyed playing Pictonary. They all took turns drawing while the rest of the group guessed what the picture was. There were a lot of laughs from all the creative things that they drew.



In our after school program, our kids had a lot of fun on a fall nature walk. They each had a list of items that they had to look for and check off when they found them outside. Some other activities we did this month included painting acorns and leaf stamping.



# **Looking Ahead**

In the event that we are too understaffed to properly care for the amount of children we have enrolled, we will be looking at: limiting our capacity, temporarily closing our after school program, limiting our hours of operations, or temporarily closing the entire center. I have begun to prepare our PCCC families and staff members if this should occur.

