



**HINGHAM
NURSERY
SCHOOL**

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Welcome, HNS Family!

The first few months of school have been very busy! In my new role as Director, I have been fortunate to welcome families back to HNS, without masks or distancing. The children arrive each day smiling, enthusiastically greeting their friends and teachers, ready to learn! We have welcomed parents back into school to assist with drop-offs, held a Parent-Teacher night to meet teachers and visit classrooms, conducted face-to-face conferences, helped out in the classroom for projects, and read stories with classes. Please ask your child's teacher about volunteer opportunities available in their classroom.



Lisa Warren
Director

At the start of the holiday season, we acknowledge and embrace our similarities and differences. We try to focus on common themes, colors, stories, and the songs of the season. Our goal is to honor the beliefs and traditions of all of our families. Amidst all of the busy work, we are also reminded of the importance of maintaining a familiar and predictable routine at school. Our next open house will be Sunday, January 8th; please help us spread the word! Here's wishing everyone a happy and healthy holiday season!



Sarah Murphy
President, Board of Directors

What a great fall we've had at HNS! Thanks to our dedicated Board and many parent volunteers, we treated hundreds of families from all over the South Shore to a morning with their favorite trucks. It was fantastic to have Touch-a-Truck back! We also had our second annual Bingo night and enjoyed a great time with pizza and prizes for all. I was so glad to meet so many new families!

Thank you to the Espositos for hosting a fabulous Fall Social. Despite a torrential downpour earlier in the day, we had a fantastic time in their exquisite garage! We will have more opportunities for parents to connect coming up! The Board is planning a winter and spring full of fun events and HNS traditions. If anyone has a great ideas for the community, please feel free to reach out as well. Thank you to everyone for your support! We truly have a wonderful, kind community at HNS and I'm grateful to be a part of it!

Fall Tulip Bulb Planting

All classes had the opportunity to plant bulbs in front of our school over the course of several weeks in early Fall. We look forward to seeing their growth and beautiful colors in the Spring time, it's hard to wait!



Meet a Firefighter!

Several classes had the opportunity to meet a real firefighter, Keith Harrington, who is also a dad at our school! The children listened to a story, learned about fire safety and were able to try on Mr. Harrington's firefighter suit!



Touch-a-Truck Event!

In September, the HNS board organized a great fundraiser for families to see large trucks up close! The children were captivated and excited to have this opportunity and we think the parents liked it too!



Parent Social

Thank you to Erin Esposito and the HNS board for organizing a great parents' social in October.



Veterans Day Celebration



Students in Mrs. Young's & Mrs. Healey's class enthusiastically sang patriotic songs outside by our flag pole to celebrate Veterans Day.

We have had a busy couple of months and are looking forward to December!

We learned about families and being thankful. We enjoyed lots of Fall projects and even celebrated Veterans Day with songs around the flag pole.

For December we will enjoy gingerbread baking and gingerbread stories. We are working on counting to 100 on our number chart and have begun letter sounds.

We will be learning about Channukah, as well as the Christmas tradition. It will be a very busy and awesome month!



The past 3 months have been filled with learning routines, following instructions and getting to know each other. We have touched on many Fall themes such as apples, pumpkins and Halloween. We followed a map on our "field trip" to Weston Nurseries and went on a Fall scavenger hunt. Our latest unit was focused on Families. The children loved talking about their family members and reading the silly book "Daddies Do It Different."



We continue to have music in our classroom on a daily basis whether it's doing the Monster Boogie with Rowan or Tooty Ta Ta and Alligator Soup with Mrs. Ross. At meeting time we have played color shape bingo, alphabet bingo, various matching games and learned to recognize each other's names. A favorite activity is looking for words (aka "clues" to the children) around the room. Give them a clipboard and pencil and watch the fun! Although the highlight of our day has to be lunch! The conversation among the children is priceless!



Our class has had an incredible Fall! The children explored various Fall themes, took a trip to Weston Nurseries, planted bulbs outside the school, learned about the first Thanksgiving, and, most importantly had a lot of laughs! We explored the letters A, B, L, P and S, and learned how each letter is written and sounded. We made letters fun by building them with play dough and finger writing them in shaving cream. We continued to build an understanding of numerical value within the numbers of 1-10. We accomplished this by matching objects to the written number, using various centers and games.

We are also delighted to be able to have Music with Rowan every Friday and it is such a joy watching the students dance and sing.

Each child's social and emotional growth is paramount to us. We guide the children to use their kind words, develop an ability to share, and take turns and, most importantly, to include all others in centers and outside play. We connected this focus to our community helpers unit where we focused on police, firefighters, and veterans.

Most importantly the students continued to build friendships and build their skills of negotiating, sharing, and being kind.



It has been an exciting fall in our classroom! The children are settling into their new school routines and are moving comfortably through the daily schedule. We started the year with a unit on friendship emphasizing kindness and sharing. Our classroom is full of enthusiasm and laughter as the children get to know their 12 new friends. We enjoyed many great stories about making friends and going to school like "How Do Dinosaurs Go to School" and "Pete the Cat".



Kindness and friendship are themes we carry throughout the year in many of our units. During our zoo unit we read "Elmer", the story of the patchwork elephant who is loved by his friends for his fun and colorful ways. It is a great example of kindness and acceptance and spurred a wonderful circle time discussion!



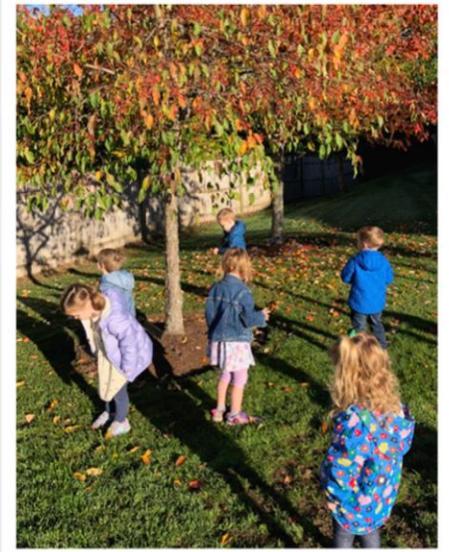
It wouldn't be back to school without a unit on Fall including apple tasting and pumpkin painting! We collected beautiful leaves from our school yard and created countless fall inspired collages. We made fun jack-o-lantern headbands and enjoyed our favorite Halloween story, "Go Away Big Green Monster". The children loved performing "Five Little Pumpkins" for Mrs. Warren and were thrilled to take their turn turning off the lights! We finished our Fall unit talking about the things that make us feel warm and cozy, in other words, things we are grateful for. We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and would like to thank you for sharing your children with us. We are grateful for them every day!



We have had a busy first few months at Hingham Nursery School. Our class has been learning about coming to school and new routines. We are building a sense of classroom community as the children develop friendships in this new environment. The children have been painting, playing and creating!

In September, we learned about families and kindness. We decorated our own red school and talked about how we can be kind. We tasted different apples and got to decide which one we liked the best! It was a yummy activity. We also painted with apples and found the star inside. In October, we learned the "5 Little Pumpkins" poem. We found pumpkins in the classroom and also decorated pumpkins to take home. The children sorted and counted pompoms into 3 colors. In November, we focused on leaves and Fall and being thankful. We collected leaves outdoors on a leaf walk and then used the leaves in our classroom at the Science table. We made turkeys and turkey feathers and shared what we are thankful for this season.

We are enjoying getting to know your children. It is a special group and it's so fun to see them become more comfortable each time they enter the building!



The "5 guys" class has had a wonderful Fall! We have had the opportunity to do so much. The boys move around the classroom with confidence. They enjoy puzzles, cars, blocks, dramatic play, painting ... you name it! We read a book everyday and do a coordinating project. The boys love music and we have learned many songs. I think the highlight of the fall was acting out "Goodnight Gorilla". Every time we finished there was a chorus of "again!"



We are starting our Eric Carle study. There is a huge benefit to looking at books that are familiar to children at this age because they can build on their personal connection and notice new things every time. We will be doing some really fun multi step projects like marbling paper, that will turn in to a winter forest of evergreen trees. You will notice the similarities to Eric Carle illustrations.

Again, teaching your boys has been a great experience and I look forward to seeing them grow and learn!

