

In the Garden

We will start working on putting garden beds to sleep for the winter this month and building up our compost. We'll plant some garlic & the greens that we started in the garden classroom; we may broadcast some crimson clover seed. We will also continue to enjoy kale, New Zealand spinach, kohlrabi and the last of our beans & tomatoes.

In the classroom

Oct 6-9 — Birds, part II

Activities

- Books: Where Do Birds Live & The Beak Book
- Bird specimen jars, bones & photos
- Discuss migration with western hemisphere map
- Make birds from shapes
- Draw pictures of birds
- Speculate about the uses of various beaks
- Bird, farm & number puzzles
- Bird mazes (Pre-K)

Objectives

- Describe what migration is
- Express bird traits
- Observe preserved bird specimen & parts
- Use fine-motor skills to assemble birds and to complete mazes

Vocabulary

- Bird, feather, beak, egg
- Migrate/migration
- Hen, rooster, chick, goose, turkey
- Diet



Birds crafted by preschoolers—

Oct 13–16 & 20-23— Bones

Activities

- Read & discuss the book Dairy
- Discuss plant foods high in calcium
- Taste plants high in calcium
- Investigate bone specimens with corresponding animal photos
- Construct class skeletons (Pre-K cut out bones for their skeletons); attach labels to body parts
- Create Q-tip skeletons or partial skeletons
- Assemble a paper skeleton puzzle

Objectives

- Observe & taste high-calcium plants
- Indicate foods that are good for bone health
- Arrange bones in approximate body locations
- Construct a skeleton or part of a skeleton

Vocabulary

- Bone, skull, hard
- Skeleton, exoskeleton
- Arugula, kale, spinach, almond, sesame



Oct 27-30 — Dia de los Muertos

Activities

- Discuss Dia de los Muertos and remembering those not with us
- View Dia de los Muertos photos
- Observe & discuss marigold plants & flowers
- Paste colored paper to create a marigold flower
- Color/decorate calaveras (skulls)

Vocabulary

- Marigold
- Flower, petal, leaf, stem
- Beneficial, harmful, edible
- Bone, skeleton
- Altar, *calavera*

Objectives

- Observe marigolds & animal bone specimen
- Paste a paper marigold flower
- Discuss Dia de los Muertos traditions
- Decorate a calavera