



October 2014



King Street
Cooperative
Preschool

Getting to Like You, Getting to Hope You Like Me...

By Teacher Lisa

Our first month at King Street was one of new beginnings and transitions as we embarked on a new school year. For many children and their grown-ups new to the school, September was filled with new people, new spaces, and new routines. However, even for those returning to King Street - familiar with friends, adults, and the classroom - there is an element of the unfamiliar. New friends enter the group, new adults become parent-teachers, and schedules shift to create a new mix of friends each day.

The beginning of the year can feel busy as children and adults get to know each other and settle into the group, but it is also very rewarding. In a setting like ours where children are encouraged to make choices, move freely, and explore materials and spaces in their own way, we learn a lot about each other.

We are all individuals with our own unique temperaments. We each have strengths and skills we bring to the classroom, and we each have things we are working on. Here are just a few of the things children shared this month:

🌀 **Addie** loves to climb. She showed off her climbing skills on the turtle climber by skillfully climbing to the very top and dropping down through the hole. And repeat, repeat, repeat.

🌀 **Sam** and **Anna** were drawn to the outdoor garden space spending time collecting fennel and raspberries.

🌀 **Emmett** loves construction and turned one of the large soft blocks into a bulldozer. As he zoomed it around the gym, he used it to move the smaller blocks where he wanted them to go.

🌀 **Jiraiya, Leandro, and Honora** helped sing the Itsy Bitsy Spider song, and worked hard to get their fingers to move like a spider. **Elliot** showed us how she makes a spider with her full hands!



🌀 **Ivy** loves the mouse costume. She has worn it every day she has come to school. After she has it on, she puts her hands up and moves them back and forth very carefully in a slow waving motion.

🌀 **Frankie R.** loves to help with big jobs and gather a team together to work on a project. He recently enlisted the help of **Graham, Linus, and Ryann** to build a house for "spiders and bugs" out of the large outdoor blocks. Together, without any adult intervention, they safely moved the blocks into place and figured out how to work together to pick up the largest and the longest pieces.



🌀 **Darian** loves to pour water for kids at snack and to fill up the pitcher with fresh water when it runs out. He holds it carefully with two hands so it doesn't drop.

🌀 **Lily** and **Valentina** both love to jump on the trampoline. For safety, only one jumper can use it at a time, but they figured out how to take turns and had so much fun going back and forth, back and forth, with lots of laughing and smiling.

🌀 **Anya** has adopted one of the small baby dolls from the Home Center. She carries it around in all of her

indoor play. While she eats snack or explores the art room, it takes a nap on the teacher table to stay safe.

🌀 **Nolan** and **Lyra** love trains. They helped to build an enormous train track for their trains to travel on. They expertly navigated conflicts with their creative thinking, like one train jumping over the other when they came to a head.



🌀 **Nathalie** and **Zoie** shaped moon sand into hearts and circles to make all kinds of delicious pies that we could smell, but not eat.

🌀 **Kaemon** loves to jump! Big jumps from the top of the climber, landing with a ker-plunk on the mat below, and big hops down the playground terraces - all with a huge smile on his face.

🌀 **Canon** and **Stella** needed to feed the dinosaurs “yucky medicine” to clean their throats. Once the dinosaurs were all filled up, they tipped them over so they could spit it out and fill them up once more.



🌀 **Wolf**, **Frankie C.**, and **Azurez** discovered they could use the lengths of plastic gutter on the playground as ramps and they experimented with sending different materials down to see how fast they went.



🌀 **William** discovered that the wooden bird and ladybug in the art room flap their wings when their strings are pulled. He carefully investigated, going back and forth between the two creatures to test them out.



🌀 **Alida** and **Henry** built fairy houses with found objects on the playground.



🌀 **Calla** and **Honora** made delicious pies at the play dough table and shared pieces with all the other play dough workers who were interested in trying some.



🌀 **Anais** loves to share her ideas. While painting with watercolors in the art room she explained, “If your brush gets too dirty sometimes you need to squeeze it in your hands a little in the water” (with her hands fully submerged in the rinse water).

🌀 **Fiona** and **Olive** love to work in the mud kitchen. They mixed and poured to make all kinds of ooey-goey culinary creations.

We have learned so much about each other already. However, there is still so much we have to share as we continue our journey together as a community. I am glad that you are all part of our King Street family and I am looking forward to growing and learning together throughout the year!



Our Community News



Anais's family has a few fall traditions they shared:

We love the Farm at Swan's Trail. After a quest to find the most fun farm for October festivities, this one won once we saw the duck races, bounced on the enormous inflatable pillow, petted baby kittens, wandered through the hay maze in the barn and ate smoking hot corn slathered in butter after a wagon ride. September 28 to October 31, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
<http://www.thefarm1.com/>

We also make apple sauce. Find rogue apples in your neighborhood that are relatively sweet. Clean them. Cut off the ugliest parts. Take off stem and quarter them (leave skins on and seeds/cores in). Put them in a slow cooker for a few hours with one cinnamon stick and ¼ cup of water. When they are soft put them through a manual foodmill which will separate the delicious applesauce from the peels/seeds etc.



Darian's family enjoys the return of the rain:

We celebrate the wetness with family "Rainy Day Adventures." Past adventures have included hiking to a waterfall, ferry rides "just because," making wine at home, experiments in baking, exploring what can be found on rainswept beaches...



Welcome to our newest co-op member, Ramona Chavez! Ramona was born on September 20 to Marty and Kelly Chavez. She joins her big brothers Pete and Frankie in keeping their parents on their toes.

Tugboat Storytime

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
WHERE: Historic Ships Wharf, 866 Terry Ave. N.
LINK www.atlakeunionpark.org

St. Demetrios Greek Festival

WHEN: 10/10: 12pm–9pm; 10/11: 10am–9pm; 10/12: 12pm–7pm
WHERE: St. Demetrios Hall and Cultural Center, 2100 Boyer Ave. E.
LINK seattlegreekfestival.com

Saturday Family Concerts: The Not-Its!

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
WHERE: Town Hall Seattle ,1119 Eighth Ave.
LINK www.townhallseattle.org

TurkFest

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 18 & 19, 2014, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
WHERE: Seattle Center Armory, 305 Harrison St.
LINK www.turkfest.org

Seattle Symphony Community Concert

WHEN: Friday, Oct. 17, 2014, 7 – 9 p.m.
WHERE: Chief Sealth High Schoolm 2600 S.W. Thistle St.
LINK www.seattlesymphony.org

Seattle Symphony Community Concert

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014, 2 – 4 p.m.
WHERE: Rainier Valley Cultural Center, 3515 S. Alaska St.
LINK www.seattlesymphony.org

For more events, check out the Calendar of Events on Seattle Child’s website:
<http://www.seattleschild.com/calendars/family-fun#/>

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Freaky Fall Festival

WHEN: Friday, Oct. 17, 2014, 6 – 8 p.m.
WHERE: Ravenna-Eckstein Community Center, 6535 Ravenna Ave. N.E.
LINK www.seattle.gov

Pumpkin Bash and Trick-or-Treating

WHEN: Oct. 18-19, 25-26 and 31
WHERE: Woodland Park Zoo, 5500 Phinney Ave. N.
LINK: www.zoo.org

Halloween at the Seattle Aquarium

WHEN: Oct. 25 & 26, 2014, 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
WHERE: Seattle Aquarium, 1483 Alaskan Way, Pier 59
LINK www.seattleaquarium.org

Hilloween

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014, 12 – 7 p.m.
WHERE: Cal Anderson Park, 1640 Nagle Place
LINK www.caphilloween.com



COMMUNITY EVENTS





Fall is the time of less sunshine, wetter days and the beginning of more time inside. Here are a few ideas to bring some of the beautiful outdoors in!



MATERIALS NEEDED:

Autumn leaves, preferably pressed
Metallic Sharpie markers
Mod Podge (to paint over dried, finished doodles)

<http://artfulparent.com>



MATERIALS NEEDED:

sticks
pine cones
rocks
Anything else they might want to use

A couple of things from the craft store:
wooden beads
metal tea light holders (from dollar store)
twine
hot glue gun and glue



www.thebensoastreet.com



MATERIALS NEEDED:

Clear contact paper
Acrylic paint in Fall colors
Tape
Scissors
Black permanent marker
Paint palette or paper plate
Small paintbrush
Free leaf printable



<http://www.messforless.net>