



Caterpillar News

Dear Parents,

This month passed by so incredibly fast. We have been doing so many activities and finally started with our regular routine. Here is a little glimpse of how our weeks are looking like.

- Monday- Playground Day
- Tuesday- Garden
- Wednesday- music class
- Thursday- art /experiment
- Friday- art/experiment

During the afternoons we alternate different activities, like free play, puzzles, fine motor skill games, music instruments and one of the favorite ones Turnzimmer time with the rainbow scarfs and the crawling tunnels.

We are officially over the settling -in- process and all of our Caterpillars are coming in their regular booking times. This gave us the opportunity to start adapting to our weekly routine. We also went for the first time to the playground and it was amazing. We could see the beautiful trees changing colors and so many leaves scattered on the floor. We are happy to share with you that all of the caterpillars absolutely loved the playground and also the ride in the stroller. Our older caterpillars are walking holding a teacher hand and we are so proud of them of how good is working.

The group is absolutely amazing, we are so impressed of how smooth the whole settling-in-process went by. We have a very dynamic group with a lot of interest for table activities and outdoor time. They love spending time in the garden and at the playground, we tried some experiments using different materials and we can see how much they enjoy exploring with their senses. The group constellation has been working beautifully and we have a lot of moments of laughter and creativity, the same when they are tired and hungry the mood can change from one second to the other, but it is all part of the crèche life. Every day we learn new things from our little ones and every day is a different adventure.

We will be starting with our first parent talks, and we are very excited to have this quality time with all of you. A few days before the talk you will find in your child's cubbie two pieces of paper. One is the "flower talk" showing the structure of how the meeting will go. The second one "My child is amazing" shows a sun, where you can fill out the things you noticed your child can already do and feel so proud and happy about, these ones you can share with us during the parent talk.

What have we been up to?

Celebrations

We started decorating our Lanterns for the party and singing the songs. We are ready to spend a lovely evening with all of you.

Arts and Crafts

- Crayons and leaves: our caterpillars showed a lot of interest in colors this month, they enjoyed sitting all together and making drawings with the crayons. We collected leaves from our garden days and we traced them on paper, it was a beautiful activity. They all felt so proud of the drawings and they wanted to take it home.
- Kites: autumn brings windy weather and it's the best time to fly kites. We used finger paint and brushes (mainly hands) to decorate the kites. They are now hanging from the ceiling and every time the wind blows, we can see them move.
- Autumn leaves: this month was all about exploring with our senses. Using finger paint and hands we painted autumn leaves using the common colors and they are decorating the whole classroom. They are so beautiful.

Experiments

- Leave prints: we made a mix of flour, oil, warm water and salt to create a special dough. Once it was ready each got a bit of it and we had to use our

hands to make it flat. Using autumn material like, leaves, branches, and little pumpkins we did prints. It was very interesting to see the details on the dough. And of course, they enjoyed mixing all the ingredients together the most.

- Spider webs: a little had a bit of the Halloween spirit at the Caterpillars. Using paper plates, a wax crayon and water paint the Caterpillars made a perfect spider web. The very cool thing was that at first sight it was only a common paper plate, but once the caterpillars painted the surface with water color the pattern of the spider web appeared.

Nature and Environment

- Garden Time: we were out a lot this month we had all types of weather and we had a lot of fun. We like to collect the conkers and pine cones. They played in the sand and our current favorite activity is chasing the soap bubbles ☺.
- Playground: we had a mazing time at the playground. They were all so happy to be there and we could see how much they enjoy the outdoors, sand and slides. The pictures talk for themselves.

Movement and Sport

- Turnzimmer time is already and we think it will be as well in the future one of the favorite times. They are always moving, climbing, crawling and even running around. In the Trunzimmer they feel comfortable with how much space they have. Using blocks, hula-hula's and the crawling tunnels they have the most wonderful time. We also danced and played music

Circle Time and Language

- Morning circle: we used visual support cards for the morning circle and we let them choose which song they will like to sing. They all get very excited to pick the song and place it in the middle of the circle. Sometimes it gets tricky to pick between, "Itsy Bitsy spider" and "Elephanten". We give the opportunity to all the caterpillars to pick the songs and this makes them feel part of the process, it works beautifully

- Story time: we have our story time before lunch time and at this point, they majority are hungry and tired. Definitely not the best combination, but as soon as we start playing one of our audio books or showing them a book with animals, we get the attention back.

Julia`s music class

- We had a lot of fun during music class. Julia always brings amazing material and instruments to play with the children. We played with the rainbow scarfs and explored with natural materials. Here is a list of the songs we`ve learned:
 - ❖ Salibonani (we greet each other)
 - ❖ Wiggle wiggle wiggle
 - ❖ Red, red is the color I see
 - ❖ Regentropfenlied
 - ❖ Fingerplay: Five little leaves

Some reminders

- Laternenfest: we will celebrate our party on Tuesday the 9th of November at 16:45. Please go through the email we sent you for more details.
- Lantern stick: if your child is still missing the lantern stick, please bring it to us latest on Friday the 5th of November.
- Clothes: we will go out every day no matter the weather (except for big and string storms) this means that your child needs all the appropriate gear to play safely outside. We need waterproof globes, boots and jackets.
- Infoabend: first Infoabend of the year will be held on November 25th at 19:30 with the topic: “Bilingualism”. We will send you more details later on.

Your Caterpillar Team