

## School Age hosts a carnival!

Halloween afternoon the infants through kindergarteners ventured over to the School Age field to participate in 10 activities that were each developed and led by the School Age children. Each group rotated through events that ranged from a Group Chalk Mural, to a Hide and Find the Pumpkin Life Cycle to Relay Races. Each child then collected a sticker before moving to the next activity. Karen commented that this was an element much enjoyed by her young group.



Marybeth reflected on being most impressed by the School Agers' ability to explain each activity and provide direction. "The School Agers helped my group complete the activities by guiding the children back to the activity to work together." Marybeth added that, "It was great to see some of the kids I had like able to lead and explain the activities."



When asked what they most enjoyed both two preschoolers said the game of wonderball played in the spider climber under the parachute was their favorite. Children from Kim's Foxes Group were in agreement that they most enjoyed the Climber Challenge. One child was excited to have traversed the whole climber without any help, another remarked that the activity was run by her older brother and a third was glad to have had his teachers help when he was struggling to reach the bar to complete the challenge.



Courtney stated that her group really enjoyed the Dancing Limbo activity, the Scary Story Ride in the woods, and singing to the toddlers. A preschooler added that she particularly enjoyed trying to knock the ball off the cone in the Ball Toss event.



The toddlers came out to the woodchip area to be sung to, and as Betsey said, “the babies were quite entertained,” as she strolled them around the field.



The field day was held for an hour and Colleen noted, that after all was done and cleaned up, “You could tell from the vibe and feeling of the group the sense of pride felt by the School Ageds in having led each of their events.”

This is MCC’s first fall field day; we had our second summer field day this past summer. We plan to have a field day each season, each with a different format and different activities, which support the field day goal of bringing the school together. “MCC’s vitality comes from its sense of community – it’s so important for all the teachers and children to come together in purposeful active play.” – Director Jeanne Fallon



Stick the Face on the Pumpkin



Pumpkin life cycle Hide and Find

