

Atelier Reflections

During the month of October we continued our exploration of Fall. The children expressed an interest in spiders and owls to their friends. To further this excitement, our classroom incorporated books and loose parts (pinecones, feathers, pipe cleaners, googly eyes) which allowed the children the opportunity to expand their knowledge of the subject. The children were encouraged to explore the books and use their interpretations to create their own creature. Our class read an encyclopedia on many owl species, discussing how there are many different types of owls. After the work was finished we compared our work and noticed each owl looked completely different. Keeping this self-lead study available to the children, they learn there are many different solutions to one problem. While birds and arachnids were the focus these last few weeks, many children chose to add their own interpretations to the material. Some spiders were given 'super ninja powers' and owls were outfitted with pink and yellow feathers. As the school year progresses we look forward to more exploration and more opportunities for problem-solving. Exploration through creativity is always encouraged in the Atelier!

