

# Oak Room Reflections

Even though Temecula doesn't offer cool, fall temperatures, Oak room has been experiencing all Fall has to offer! The children have been exploring with natural materials such as gourds, pumpkins, leaves, sticks, pine cones, and scents that remind us of the season. Many of the children were curious about the inside of the pumpkin that Katelyn donated to our classroom. So, of course, we HAD to open it. The children all had their ideas of what we would find inside the pumpkin. Their responses ranged from, "big and little seeds," to "a mermaid," to "another pumpkin," to, "a cat!" Upon the reveal of the "pumpkin insides," we found seeds and "icky string." The children were able to feel and explore the sensation that comes from feeling this "icky string." This sensory exposure strengthens their sense of sight, smell, and touch. Additionally, we introduced the children to different instruments. As a group, we have been singing along to songs of their choice. Our singing is heard all the way to Ms. Evelyn's office! This has really been a fun experience for Oak room because every child has an opportunity to create their own rhyme. Some of our friends can get really silly with their rhymes! Their personality peeks through whenever they share a rhyme with their friends. Our current favorite rhyming song is, "Down By The Bay." The lyrics can be found here: <http://www.metrolyrics.com/down-by-the-bay-lyrics-raffi.html>. We invite you all to sing this along with your children. We hope this brings fun and silliness to your home! Enjoy. :)

