During the month of November, the Art and Artists Unit provided the friends with many opportunities to create art and see the artwork of others. Our primary goals were learning the names of the colors, creating colors by mixing others, and seeing that we are all artists. The friends engaged in the learning by painting, drawing, and creating collages. Books such as “Mouse Paint” and “White Rabbit’s Color Book” helped guide our learning as well.

The Three’s Bulletin Board!
Throughout the year, we’ll change the bulletin board between our rooms to reflect our current learning. Here’s our colorful fall scene!

Atlas and Elena fitting squares and rectangles into the Mondrian shape poster.

Finn observing the rainbow that came through the window and brightened his hand.

Drake combining yellow and blue water to make green!

Aliza matching the colorful animals to a dot of the same color.

Enna mixing colors and using her fingers to draw in the paint.

Colors Everywhere!
The friends got very good at spotting and identifying colors in the classroom and on the playground.
Mixing More Than Paints

We continue to work on our interaction and cooperation skills by using our words, waiting patiently, and using our manners.

Overlapping Units

We try to incorporate aspects of our previous unit into our current learning. The friends used blocks to create art and also used them to learn about patterns.

Lillianna using a stencil and a paint dauber to make a butterfly.

Elena and Jerry creating designs with pegs and peg boards at the light table.

Atlas and Joaquin each mixing their red and yellow play dough to get orange!

Linus finger painting (literally) and mixing colors like the mice in the book “Mouse Paint”.

The group has enjoyed turning off the lights and dancing with flashlights in the Red Room.

Finn working on a fall leaf for our bulletin board.

Molly taking a closer look at the many-colored leaves from our playground.

Luna experimenting with various blocks as stamps.

The children are learning how to play together: raking and sweeping leaves into piles.

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Exploration
Opportunities for seeing and learning shapes, numbers, and colors are ever-present. Materials for exercising our curiosity are also regularly available.

Joaquin experimenting with frozen “Paint-sicles”.

Creativity
Teachers provide many opportunities for creativity where children are exposed to developmentally appropriate activities.

Aliza learning how to lighten colors by adding white.

Drake and Jerry trying their hands at some new puzzles.

Lillianna retelling a story from circle time using pictures on the felt board.

Friends working together to build a house with the Imagination Playground blocks.

Luna displaying her shape design using the overhead projector.

Molly choosing pieces from the material tray to glue onto her collage.

Finn and Enna putting the first coat of paint on our colorful, collaged box.

Linus matching the animals to their appropriately-colored stripe of the rainbow.

Drake and Jerry trying their hands at some new puzzles.
Looking Ahead…

In December, our theme will be Children Around the World!

Discovery
Varied and novel experiences, such as drawing on vertical surfaces and painting ceiling tiles, shape the children’s views of what’s possible!

Jerry using Lego blocks as stampers to create a work of art.

Joaquin and Molly retelling the story of “Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse”.

Elena using gravity and a golf ball to spread the paint on her page.

Sometimes art has no form and is a little bit messy, right Drake?

Jerry using Lego blocks as stampers to create a work of art.

Luna coloring the walls of the art studio that was set up in our dramatic play center.

Aliza choosing to cover her animal with pieces of tissue paper.

Lillianna creating an ice castle for the polar animals on the light table.

Atlas and Linus covering our box with a selection of materials from the art closet.

Julianna creating an ice castle for the polar animals on the light table.

Enna filling the last spots on the ceiling tile that has the numbers “3” and “4” on it.

Elena using gravity and a golf ball to spread the paint on her page.