The children learned a lot about the “Farm” this month! We began by talking about the different kinds of buildings on a farm. The big red barn, the silo, and the chicken coop were the buildings on which we focused. After learning about places on the farm, we talked about the animals that live on the farm. We had the opportunity to squeeze the fingers on a rubber glove filled with water. It was just like milking a cow! The Three’s teachers supported children’s inquiry about farm equipment. We practiced balancing two sides of a tool called a “scale” and we also slid the teeth of gears into one another to cause them to spin.

We had many sensory experiences, such as: painting boxes to create a tractor, using tools called a “mortar and pestle” to grind wheat and oats, washing animals with various kinds of sponges, giving piggy figures a thorough mud bath, painting with brushes made from hay, scooping corn kernels into silos, and stamping Legos into paint to create textured corn displayed on stalks.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their time in our school’s Make Shop. Just like farmers use tools and machines to make their work easier, they learned how to safely drill holes in wood using a tool called a “hand drill”. Then they used wire to weave through the holes. They also did some building using large blocks unique to the Children’s School, called “architecture blocks”. These blocks are sturdy and flat with slits to connect them. The book, “Old MacDonald had a Woodshop” mixed appropriately with the activities we had been enjoying!

Mrs. Hraber brought Pete the Beat Keeper dressed like a barn. She exposed the children to instruments such as, tambourines, wood blocks, and sand scrapers. In our circle times, we sang the familiar favorites: “Baa, Baa, Black Sheep” and “Old MacDonald Had a Farm”. We read books including, “Little Blue Truck” by Alice Schertle, “Stanley the Farmer” by William Bee, and “The Little Red Hen” by Paul Galdone.

We are looking forward to our next unit, “Storytelling” as the end of our fall semester is approaching… and we all lived happily ever after.
PLAY FUELS OUR LEARNING!

Maisie and Noah are shearing sheep!

Kurtis is tucked into the rubber tire.

David is comparing black and white cows with brown and white cows.

Medha enjoys choosing colors from her watercolor tray.

Maisie and Noah are shearing sheep!

Ezra is using his fine motor coordination to grind oats.

Masaki tries an experiment with a rubber glove. It's just like milking a cow!

Adele's parents join in the birthday song!
“WE HAD A GOOD DAY!”

Nolan assists the pigs rolling in the “mud”.

Madelyn places each animal in its space in the barn.

Dylan enjoys the first snowfall on the playground.

Adele enjoys the middle seat on the see-saw.

Will and Wally sponge paint over the pig before it takes its place on the bulletin board.

Melodie puts gears together on the metal board just as farm equipment uses gears to help do the job.
It has been a fabulous November on the farm! During our outdoor explorations, we made observations about the change of seasons and talked about the harvest that comes at this time of year.

Nevin takes a closer look at the piggy puppet!

Mateen tries an udder-ly fun experiment!

There are many interesting places to visit, right in our building!

Cole concentrates on his work.

Jacob uses the rake to gather the leaves.

Kiley poses between the easel walls.

Our next theme is storytelling! We will read and retell tales using creative arts.

Mrs. Armbruster Mrs. Loomis Ms. O’Neill Mr. Salinetro