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Fall Highlights:

DeLaSalle School Visit
Pumpkin Patch
Halloween Party
Service Projects
Community Exploration
Solar System Module
Anatomy Module
Indian in the Cupboard
Thanksgiving Dinner



PROGRAM FOR INTELLECTUAL EMPOWERMENT P.I.E.

THE FALL KICK OFF: A SUCCESS!

What a way to start class - and a school!

Your generous donations online and at our inaugural dinner fundraising gala in September helped us kick off a fantastic year at our new challenge: a school dedicated to the neuro-educational method of learning, embracing the whole learner, and emphasizing social communication, collaboration, and a well rounded curriculum.

Your generous support funded a deep dive into a science unit on the solar system, where the students created a physical recreation of the planets, researching each. They did a unit on human anatomy. Kids drew themselves and filled in internal organs while using chrome books to independently research organ functions online.

In literacy, everyone received a copy of Indian in the Cupboard. It took us on a journey to understanding that which is animate, and inanimate. Students have discussed many layers of conceptual thinking around story themes. The progress has been astounding!

Engagement is high. Students are happy. Learning is expanding. They brought all of their families together for a Thanksgiving feast, celebrating their achievements. They planned the menu, shopped for and prepared the meal. They sent invitations, were gracious hosts, and presented a short themed play for their guests. It was a fantastic event!

From our teacher, Ms. Lee:

Being able to start a program like this is a dream but it's become so much more...the relationships and growth that have flourished in a program like this is astounding. And it's all I ever wanted. It's always been for the kids. They are everything.

From teaching assistant: Ms. Landeros

I have been amazed by my experience with the PIE program. As an aid and a sibling of a child/student on the spectrum I see such a difference in the type of holistic education that is being provided...the kids make new connections with each other as well as with their level of cognition and communication. These kids show endless potential, it's very exciting to take part in their development!