



Positive Happenings

Forest Lake Area Schools Community Education

Early Childhood Programs

December 2015

One mission of Early Childhood is to provide family engagement events. Early Childhood programs create safe, educational, fun and memorable activities for families in our community.

Un-Scary Halloween Party

- The Un-Scary Halloween Party held in October had its largest turn out in six years! With 423 people attending, this event provided families an opportunity to have quality time together while sharing a healthy snack, playing carnival games, taking family photos, and more.
- New this year, we added a large motor activity by including a DJ with fun music tailored to young children. Research shows music and movement increases children's early language and literacy development.



- In partnership with Kohl's Cares program, each child received an age appropriate free book to take home.



- Our take-home activity was a decorated photo frame with a printed photo of each family or child in the Fall Photo Booth area.



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S.T.E.M. Family Night

- Our Science Night at Lino Lakes Little Rangers preschool was a huge success!
- Over 30 people attended our first annual S.T.E.M. Family Night.
- During the class, we implemented several science and math based activities in which children, parents, and grandparents could explore.



- The seven main activities included were making a cloud “rain” in a jar, constructing a popsicle stick catapult, hypothesizing what sinks or floats, planting seeds, playing a scent smelling matching game, an outdoor touch and feel area, and the creation of paper column shapes (circle, square, triangle).

- Adults were provided with higher order thinking questions to ask their child while interacting with them working on inquiry skills.

