

Pumpkin Pancakes

Last week we made pumpkin pancakes for snack. We baked a pumpkin from our Hess's Farm field trip and used it to make our pancakes. In addition to pancake mix and water, the students measured and added fresh pumpkin and pumpkin pie spice to their batter. Many of the children were very curious and wanted to flip their pancakes, and had great success with this!



While baking a delicious snack, we also were able to meet learning objectives. The children worked on their measuring skills and on making sure to level off the ingredients so they have the exact amount. The children's measuring skills have definitely improved from the last time we made pancakes! They also worked on being independent and following instructions provided to them on instruction cards. Many of the children have mastered this as they have been asked to follow instruction cards often during our cooking and creative art activities.

Cooking activities are so important to do in early childhood classrooms because they are realistic and allow children to explore where their food comes from. They allow children to work on measuring, which is math, reading and following instruction cards, which is literacy, and noticing changes in matter, which is science.

