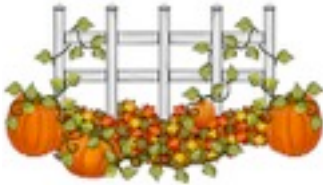




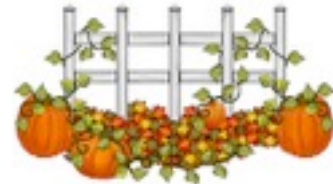
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WELCOME FALL!




- **MS. LAURIE'S CORNER:** Ms. Rohini, the children, teachers and I are all excited for the fall season. Classrooms are looking festive with beautiful autumn-colored creations of leaves, acorns and pumpkins in so many varieties! We are gearing up for our fall Book Fair and Costume Party at the end of October and school Trike-A-Thon on November 11th. Watch for memos with dates and specifics.
- **SAY "CHEESE"!** Remember to send children to school **MONDAY** or **TUESDAY, Oct 3rd OR 4th** in their "Sunday Best" for Picture Day. Please label all personal items & return the envelope. 
- **CONFERENCES AND REPORT CARDS:** Teachers completed Report Cards on all the children and have so much to share with families at your requested conference time. Please inform the office if you cannot attend your requested conference. Thank you.
- **WHAT'S HAPPENING:** We are learning about some noteworthy Hispanic Americans (for Hispanic Heritage Month, Sep 15th-Oct 15th). We will also be studying the solar system, nocturnal animals, Christopher Columbus, our human needs, Pablo Picasso and Edvard Grieg!
- **GREAT GRAPHS:** We classified all the beautiful apples brought to school into a stunning life-sized graph. We learned that graphs represent quantities and help us make comparisons. Sweet math lesson!
- **SPECIAL BIRTHDAY:** The children enjoyed learning about John Chapman, aka "Johnny Appleseed", an American pioneer nurseryman who introduced apple trees to many U.S. states. He became a legend due to his generous ways, his leadership in conservation, and for boosting the apple industry! 
- **BIRTHDAY BABES:** Happy fall birthday to **Anjali, Aidan, Liam & Ashley in Ms. Sedoina's Class; David, Makaylee, Hadley, Valentina, Logan & Jayne in Ms. Pranita's Class.** Welcome baby Ezra (Micah and Joella's new sister)! 😊 "Happy Birthday" to our Ms. Nancy, Ms. Jyoti and Mr. Rusty!
- **ART CLASS:** The children identified then created patterns, practiced their scissor-cutting skills, and also learned about the elements of a portrait. Thank you volunteers so very much!
Sabrina L., Lissette Z., Katie I., Imrana D., Jennifer D., Kim L., Sarah N., Lisa B., Carol I., Michael D., Ashley F., Anya P., Heather G., Katie R., Kristen F., Stephany B., Christina A., Sary B., Holly S., Imrana D., Jessica P., Lisa B., Carol I., Nital S., Sandra G. 😊 We appreciate your help!


- KINDERGARTEN NOTES: Families please work together on your child's Accelerated Reader (AR) book. AR Quizzes test the story theme, characters and vocabulary. Please send in the book, too.
- GARDENING GAB: We are preparing our children's "Garden of Love" for fall veggies, herbs and flowers. You are welcome to donate fall seedlings such as; carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce, strawberries, dill, cilantro, mint, oregano, thyme, sunflower, begonia, coleus or zinnia. 

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."

~Marcus Tullius Cicero, Philosopher

- READING MAKES YOU WISE: We honored National Literacy Month with so many delightful books shared in each classroom. Kindergarten students worked hard on their Accelerated Reader assignments, exercising their reading comprehension and fluency. We also enjoyed a guest author, Kentrell Martin, to read his book and autograph copies for us! Lastly, our great family event the **Bountiful Book Fair is October 25th - 31st**! Reading takes you places! 

- MONTESSORI MOMENTS: Sensorial Lessons in our Montessori Classroom - Sensorial materials in the classroom consist of a wide variety of manipulatives that engage each of the children's five senses. Visual materials isolate size, color and form; auditory lessons use tone and pitch; tactile work and even smelling and tasting exercises engage the gustatory and olfactory senses. These activities develop skills in critical thinking, estimating, associating, comparing and concentrating (valuable skills for life).

- TEACHER DAY - CLOSURE: Reminder School is **CLOSED Monday, Oct 10th** for our Teacher Professional Day. We have training sessions, lesson preparation and conferences ongoing that day! Children have the day off! 

*VPK NEWS: VPK students were evaluated on their initial skills assessment. The assessment measured print knowledge, vocabulary, phonological awareness and math. Results will be available at conferences.

- SCHOOL NEWS: Planning is underway for our annual **Children's Trike-A-Thon on Nov 11th**. We will be riding to help a friend in need. Families, please stay tuned for more details on how to help!



The Sandpaper Letters



The Number Rods



The Geometric Solids

“Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment.”
Maria Montessori