

## 2017 Fall Newsletter

During the month of September we introduced "All About Me." Each child in the class created an "All About Me" paper. We were able to learn about each child and their families. We hung our "All About Me" papers around the classroom and the children loved to look at the different pictures and point out their friends.

We also talked about our five senses. In our small group time we would discuss what the five senses were and the children were able to gain more knowledge of their body parts. The children love to sing head, shoulder, knees, and toes. We have been practicing our hand washing skills.

At the end of September we discovered how yummy apples are. We read books about how apples grow. We sampled green and red apples. We painted red and green apples.

We incorporate our themes into our center time. An example would be in our housekeeping the children would pretend to bake apples in the oven or make applesauce. We also have playdoh cutters that the children used to make apple shapes with. The children would pretend to feed their apples to each other.

In block area the children would take out the school bus and pretend that they had people going to the apple orchard to pick apples. Before the bus would make it's way to the orchard the children would put the people in the bus. We also practiced our fine motor skills by playing in our rice table. While playing in the rice table there are cups and bowls that the children can scoop and pour the rice into.

October 2nd we had our friends from the firestation come and visit us. The children had a great time watching the fire truck from the playground. We have a fireman's jacket in our housekeeping center. The children were taking turns wearing the jacket and pretending to be a fireman.

Even though it is not cold out right now the children are enjoying the fall season by blowing bubbles, using sidewalk chalk, riding bikes, kicking or throwing a ball, making sandcastles in the sandbox while outside. Our Fall Unit will start on October 9th and continue through December 1st. We will be learning about leaves, pumpkins, Halloween, spiders, turkeys, Thanksgiving, and squirrels. During our Fall Unit we will read special books, make crafts, and sing some new songs.

The December month will bring Advent and Christmas. Advent is a time of waiting and anticipation. During this time we will be reading books about Christmas and the birth of Jesus. We will be making special Christmas crafts.

Thank you to the parents who have contributed to our monthly snacks. The children have been enjoying the yummy snacks. Thank you to the parents who bought our class books from the bookfair.

Please give a warm welcome to our classroom Ms. Marah, and Ms. Madison.

### **Important Dates to Remember:**

**Tuesday October 31st** will be our Halloween Parade. Your child is welcome to wear a costume to school and either wear clothes under their costume or you can bring in clothes and we will change them once the parade is over with. Please bring in a pre-wrapped bag of candy for our class to pass out. We are a nut free center so please keep that in mind when you are purchasing the candy. I will have a signup sheet for the goodies we would like to have as a snack at our Halloween party for the afternoon.

**Friday November 17th** is our Thanksgiving Luncheon

**Thursday December 7th 5:30-9:00pm** is our Parent Appreciation Night. We will be serving Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, and Macaroni and Cheese for dinner. We will be making some special crafts and reading some Christmas stories. If you would like to send your child their pjs we will be more than happy to change them into their pjs.

**Ms. Katie      Ms. Alyssa      Ms. Marah      Ms. Madison**