

AKK October News 2020



During these first weeks of school, the children and teachers have been having a wonderful time playing and learning together. Besides our two rules at preschool, (1. We stick together with our group 2. Only one child in the bathroom at a time) we have also been learning about and practicing taking turns and sharing during our "free choice" play time and

outdoors play time with a great variety of our preschool toys and activities. The children are becoming socialized to being members of a group in preparation for the coming school years beyond preschool!

Recent September/October Circle Time Themes: Apples, Colors & Shapes, Transportation, Fall is Here!

Recent Bible Learning: Adam and Eve in the Garden (good choices versus bad choices)-Genesis 3, Noah's Big Boat-Genesis 6:5-9:16, Joshua and the Big Wall-Joshua 6: 1-20, Zacchaeus-Luke 19.

Projects: The MWF class took an apple "taste test" (Granny Smith was the winner), used apples to make prints on the letter A, glued miscellaneous blue items on the letter B, made paper airplanes, made a Fall yarn tree, created scratch art leaf "fairies", and had a leaf hunt in the play yard!

The TTH class painted adorable "photo-frame" apples to hang on our tree in the classroom, stamped with colorful shapes, and made a Fall tree by painting fall colors with a foil ball. Both classes made yummy applesauce (that was eaten at snack), experimented with mixing primary water colors, created a handprint rainbow, glued a train track letter T, built a colorful craft stick raft, and stamped fall colors on paper leaves with Legos.

Weekly Alphabet Letters: A is for Apple, B is for Blue, T is for Train Tracks, and L is for Leaf.

Team Time: In the MWF class only, our Kindergarten-readiness groups have been meeting each morning for 15-20 minutes. The teams are preparing for Kindergarten by practicing their listening and writing skills, as well as developing confidence in their ability to complete their own work independently. Each teacher designs her own curriculum according to the needs of the team. Please feel free to talk to your child's team teacher if you have any questions. We are available by phone or email between 12:30 and 1:30pm.

PARENT SAFETY REMINDERS:

- The Fire Marshal has asked us to please remind parents that children seven and under are NOT allowed on the stairs or the second level WITHOUT an adult attending them.
- PLEASE do not walk in the middle of the parking lot, but instead use the side pathway near the brick wall where the footprints are.

***SAVE THIS INFO: PUMPKIN PARTY!

- On October 29 and 30, we will have a "Pumpkin Party" at AKK. The children may dress up in a costume. We will be taking a class photo in the morning, after which time your child may change out of their costume to other clothing so that they may play outside more comfortably. If the costume your child wears is difficult to manage, you may consider using a "Pull-up" that morning.
- You may send in a "treat" (candy, sticker, etc.) for your child to pass out to the other children's **take-home** treat bags. (We will be making these bags at AKK.)
- Please do not send any homemade treats.**
- Our Monday/Wednesday/Friday class has **24** students and the Tuesday/Thursday class has **16**.
- We will be making individual "Jack O 'Lantern" pizzas for snack.



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