

# AKK September News

## 2021

Our school year has begun with lots of new experiences for everyone!

We have learned that we have two important rules at preschool:

1. We all stay together at school!
2. Only one child at a time may go into the AKK bathroom to use the toilet. We have a Girl Bathroom Picture and a Boy Bathroom Picture that hang on a hook outside our bathroom door. They are waiting to do their job of letting everyone know that there is someone using the bathroom and everyone else needs to please wait their turn!

During August and early September, our teaching themes were: Welcome to School, Colors and Shapes, Number Fun, and ABC's/Apples. We learned about our school rules and routines, our teachers and met new friends. We also learned how to walk in a line when we walk to and from the playground!



Bible Learning included: Matthew 19:14, "Let the Little Children Come", Noah's Ark, The "7 Plagues" and Adam and Eve in the Garden.

In the MWF class we designed a person to look just like us, mixed colors to create new ones, and took an "Apple Taste Test"! We focused on the letters, R for Rainbow, N for Night, and A for Apple.

The TTH class stamped with different shapes, water-colored beautiful pictures, "dot" painted, and painted an apple for our classroom apple tree.

Both classes made bird's nests, strung fruit loops to make an edible necklace, made yummy applesauce for snack and used real apples to make apple prints! Each child as been learning to locate their individual classroom "mailbox" by looking for their name and photo on the clothespin clipped to it.

Everyday at preschool we have "Circle Time" where we learn through stories, songs, movement, puppets, flannel board and other activities which are "teacher-directed". During circle time we have a Standard or Expectation of behavior that includes sitting "criss-cross" on one picture on the rug, hands in our lap, body and eyes facing forward, mouth closed with "hamburger lips" and ears open ready to listen. This is AKK's introduction to "academic learning" which requires focus and self-control. We hope that you will support this process by helping your child practice this (for a few minutes) at home too!

Thank you to all families who were able to join our Zoom virtual Parent Information Night meeting. A few items mentioned that you can do at home to help your child get ready for Kindergarten are: read to your child each day, help them strengthen their fine motor skills that are necessary for writing, and letter and number recognition (specifically numbers 11-30). If you need help with ideas for strengthening fine motors, ask Teacher Lisa for a list of fun ideas!

We are truly thankful for all our families who have sent their child to AKK this school year! Despite the circumstances around us, we are experiencing the pleasure of getting to know each one of your children's unique personalities and looking forward to enjoying the coming Fall season at AKK! We still have openings in the TTH class, so please continue to spread the word about AKK to your friends and families.

We greatly appreciate you!

Teachers Lisa, Christina, and Amanda

