

Peek At The Week

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Last week, we continued to study apples. We read several non-fiction books to learn about the life cycle of an apple tree and how apples grow. In our Apple Centers, the children made apple prints, watercolor apples, and apple books. They also played an apple math game to practice counting and identifying numbers. To culminate our study and celebrate all that we learned, we made applesauce on Friday! First, we wrote our own recipe for applesauce. The children had some interesting ideas as to what they thought the ingredients were and what you do to them to make applesauce! Next, we made applesauce and compared the recipe that the children wrote to the actual recipe. We enjoyed smelling it cook all day in our classroom! Finally, at the end of the day we were able to taste our delicious treat! It was a great way to end our week!

In Readers' Workshop, we continued to read more books by Mo Willems. We also used his books in Writers' Workshop to investigate drawing figures. We discovered that he and David Shannon both use ovals to draw people and animals, and then practiced this technique in our sketchbooks. During Daily 5, the children continued to practice independent reading. By now, the children's book baskets are full of reading choices, with many books that they have created, self-selected picture books, and their Song & Poem binders. The children began learning about the "Work on Writing" portion of Daily 5 last week. First, we generated a list of things that people write and identified appropriate writing behaviors. Then the children practiced independent, free-choice writing. They did a great job and we will continue to practice this week.

In religion, we read our *Promise* magazine, which focused on sharing happiness with others. On Friday, we attended Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel. This Thursday, October 20th, we will attend School Mass. As always, you are welcome to join us. We would love to see you there!

We began the "Book in a Bag" program last week. I hope you are enjoying this time reading with your child. We will send home new books every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. You may keep the books for one or two nights. We've also been having Mystery Readers once or twice a week. If you are interested in being a Mystery Reader, please contact me. We usually do this at the end of the day on Fridays at about 2:20 p.m., but we are willing to accommodate any time that works for you. We have also been meeting with our reading buddies from Mrs. Cote's 4th grade class each Day 3. The children love having special people to read with!

Have a great week!

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Apples, Apples



(Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

Apples juicy, apples round,
On the tree or on the ground.
Apples yellow, apples red,
Apple pie and juice and bread.
Apples crunchy, apples sweet,
Apples are so good to eat!

Field Trip

On October 21st, we will be traveling to the The Egg to see a play! Please remember to send in the signed permission slip with \$6, if you haven't already done so. We have had several requests from parents to be chaperones. I will be contacting chaperones this week with more information. Chaperones may drive their own children and dismiss directly from The Egg. If you are planning on driving your child to or from the field trip, please send in a note. Thank you for all your help!

Book Reports

Each child must complete one book report every week. A new book report form will be sent home on Monday, and can be returned anytime throughout the week. Book report forms can also be found on the K-1 website. Periodically, the children will be sharing their book reports with the class. Your child may choose any book for the book report. They do not need to use their Book in a Bag. Thank you!