

September 15, 2017

Dear Parents,

I hope you could see how much your children have grown in just the short time that they have been together (day #11 today). They were so excited to share with you and show you around the building. Hopefully, you met some of their friends and families through the open house.

We have introduced more letters/sounds and actions with our Foundations (phonics) program. The children have worked on the letters b,t and f. They know that these all begin at the skyline on our paper and we practice in the air as well with our sky writers. They are enjoying learning the letters.

We continue to count, learn about shapes, predict what will come next on the calendar and sing about Hap our grasshopper during number corner. We are continuing to explore with our unifix cubes, pattern blocks and polydrons. They enjoy this at the end of the day.

Our literacy centers have been learning about the nursery rhyme Itsy Bitsy Spider. They did sequencing, created a book, created a picture, and learned new vocabulary through this rhyme as we talked about the water spout.

We continue to build our classroom community over these first few weeks of school. As we do this, we are reading a story called Whole Body Listening Larry at School. Larry helps us to learn how our whole body helps us to listen. We only read a little each day so we can stop and practice or discuss ways we can use the body part that we have read about. We also are working on using our body to introduce ourselves by looking at the person, shaking their hand gently and saying their name or asking a question.

We are watching our monarch caterpillars grow and eat the milkweed that we put into our aquarium. They have grown so much in just a short time. The students are excited to count them as they are finding more.

We began using our behavior chart this week and the children are doing very well with our school rules. We remind them before moving them a color.

On Wednesday, September 27th, we will be going on our first field trip. We will be going to the Riverview Farm by bus to pick apples. As you know, weather can be chilly in the morning so the children will need to dress for the weather and wear boots/sneakers to walk up to the orchard. Each child will need to bring \$3.00 to pick apples. This can come in anytime next week, but please label it for apple picking with your child's name.

School pictures are next Friday and information is included.

I am sending home towels to be washed this weekend. Please return them on Monday with your child. Also, remember to return your child's red folder as well on Monday. The folders come home each Friday with your child with notes.

Thank you to those that have sent in the Friday snack money. If you want to pay by the week that is fine, 50 cent donation or the year is \$16.50.

Remember, if you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me through e-mail or call me at school. We can always set up a meeting if you would like.

Thank you to those who signed up for a November conference time at the open house. If you did not, I will send home a time closer to the time along with reminders to those of you who did have a chance to sign up.

Upcoming Events:

9/21: PTA 6:30 in the library

9/22: School Pictures/Book order due

9/27: Apple Picking- \$3.00

10/9: Inservice Day- No students

10/13: Farm Day for WRS students

10/15: PTA Fundraiser- Color Run

Have a great weekend!