

News from the 4's:

Happy fall! When I looked at the calendar today, I couldn't believe we were already at the end of October. Our four year old classes are adjusting very nicely. They are learning the Pledge of Allegiance, the months, and days of the week, and their first name and last name. Everyone seems to be excited about having a 'job' at school and looks forward to checking the job chart in the morning. By now, most students have had a chance to do a job at least once. Our friend, Bubba, has been traveling to different homes and has come back to school with lots of fun stories to share. We can't wait to hear all about Bubba's exciting adventures he has this year!

In September we learned about ourselves and our families and how we are all alike and different. We also learned about apples, the parts of an apple, different types of apples, and things you can make with apples. We even made apple sauce for snack one day. Miss Leah and I were very impressed with everyone's cutting skills!

In October we learned about fire safety. We learned how to call 911, what to do if there is a fire and to stay away from matches and candles. Later in the month we discussed the season of fall and squirrels. We went on a fall walk and collected all kinds of 'fall' items. We all really seemed to enjoy our trip to the Maryland Agricultural Resource Center. Farmer Stan taught us about what farmers do, foods that are harvested in the fall, and "Hay is for eatin' and straw is for sleepin'." We talked about pumpkins and learned how a pumpkin grows, the parts of a pumpkin, and foods that are made from pumpkins. We even did an experiment and discovered that a large pumpkin will float! We also practiced writing the letters 'f', 'p', and 'h' in our alphabet book.

In the coming weeks we will learn about shapes, community helpers, transportation and Thanksgiving. We will also introduce some more letters of the alphabet and practice writing them in our books.

Our Halloween party will be held on Wednesday, October 28th for the PM class and on Friday, October 30th for the AM class. All children should come to school dressed in their costume. Parents and guests should arrive at 10:45 for the AM class and 2:00 for the PM class. Your class VP has posted a sign-up sheet in the lobby for anyone wishing to donate items to the party.

Thank you for all of your time and effort that you put into our co-op. Without you, we would not be able to do all of the fun things that we do.

Miss Tracy and Miss Leah