



# MCH News October 2018



Hello!

We all enjoyed the field trip to the Fireside Apple Orchard and thank the parents who volunteered to drive and chaperone. We really appreciate all your help.

Our Halloween celebration and parade were so much fun! We hope you had a chance to hear about some of it between all your own celebrations.

We have been quite busy in both classrooms with the cultural materials of North American

and the science materials for parts of seeds, leaves and trees, and pumpkins and apples. We also enjoyed our beginning cooking classes of making applesauce and the soup we served at Visit School Night.

In November, we will begin our study of Rocks, Fossils, Reptiles, and Dinosaurs, as well as continuing to learn about North America. Please speak with your child's teacher's if you have anything you think you and/or your child would enjoy sharing that pertains to our monthly areas of study. Our cooking projects in November will be Herb Bread, Cornmeal Muffins, and Dinosaur Cookies.





#### DAILY INFORMATION:

We would like to thank you in advance for having your child well prepared for outdoor play. The weather is changing quickly now, and we firmly believe that there is no such thing as bad weather if you are prepared for it and dressed properly. Please send your child to school ready to go outside no matter what the weather. Warm coats, waterproof boots, hats, waterproof mittens are required for your child to enjoy their time outside. We strongly suggest mittens instead of gloves unless your child can successfully place their own fingers in the right holes of the gloves. We also recommend shoes and boots your child can put on themselves. Please do not send shoes and boots to school that have shoelaces until your child knows how to tie themselves. Winter dressing can be practiced at home in anticipation of that first big snowfall. Please remember to LABEL EVERYTHING your child brings to school with his or her name.

Just a reminder to contact the school via phone or email in the morning if your child will not be attending that day. We appreciate knowing if your child is sick, especially if it easily contagious, so we can notify other parents and contain it as quickly as possible. Please see the Parent Handbook for our policy regarding sick children.



#### EXTENDED DAY

We have truly been enjoying spending our afternoons together as a class! This month we have expanded on the tree, seed, and leaf work from the morning classroom. We have sprouted seeds and explored the botany cabinet with so many different leaf shapes! In music class we have been learning some basic vocabulary: staff, treble clef, notes as well as learning to play xylophone and hearing rhythm. Author's Chair Day is Friday and is a favorite for everyone. Sharing our stories is so much fun! Our language work with the movable alphabet is helpful to prepare the children to be able to write their own stories down the road.

On Wednesday's with Carolyn, the focus has been teen numbers and graphing.

On Monday's with Emma, the children have started sketch books in Art. Each month the children will further the study of that month's unit by adding to their book. At the end of the year each child will take home their completed sketch book. They enjoyed going on a nature hike to collect leaves for leaf collages and finished off the month by decoupageing pumpkins to celebrate Halloween.

Coming up: Halloween themed graphing with math, a trip to the library, and a visit from a professional musician. If there are any Extended Day parents who can help chaperone a field trip to the library between 1:00-2:30 on a Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday, please let me know! Thanks! Shana



#### UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS:

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, November 5th. The school is closed for the day. Your child is welcome to come with you while you conference with your child's teacher and will spend the time with Ms. Pat or Ms. Lindsey will you talk with the teacher.

The school will be closed Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



#### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Ms. Emma October 16<sup>th</sup>



#### MONTESSORI MOMENTS:

We will use this portion of the newsletter to share with you a link to a website that pertains to the Montessori Method of education. This month the link is [Montessori.org](http://Montessori.org), which is a wonderful website that shares a lot of information the method and can answer many questions you may have. Please feel free to ask us any questions you may have. This will be an additional tool you can use to learn more if you are interested.

Happy Fall!

Shana, Pat, Emma, Carolyn, and Lindsey

