

Dear Parents,

Our class is celebrating the season of fall and our new community of friends. Our transition into school has been very smooth and the children's excited smiles have been a joy to greet each morning. Thank you to all our parents who have beautifully supported your children in their introduction to school. Your trust and enthusiasm are a gift to us all!

Our group is especially attuned to language, and the names of our language models are quickly being absorbed and repeated. (Construction equipment is popular - excavator, backhoe, front-end loader, dump truck...) We are all enjoying songs and poems at circle time. Here is a favorite poem:

Two Little Apples Hanging on a Tree
Two Little Apples Smiling at Me
I Shook That Tree as Hard as I Could
Down Came the Apples, MMM, MMM, Good!

Speaking of apples, we had a wonderful time picking apples this week at Stribling Orchard. We have many pounds of apples that we will use to make applesauce with cinnamon sticks and nutmeg to enjoy at lunch and some to share with our families, too!

Our first Toddler Talk was well attended and I think we all learned from sharing Dr. Montessori's ideas of the importance of purposeful work. Our next Toddler Talk will expand on this topic by bringing theory into practice. Please join Tracy Hughey on Thursday, October 28 at 11 AM to discuss practical ways to include your children in the work of the home.

Best wishes and Happy Fall!

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