



Our version of an apple orchard!!!



# Puppy October News

With Wendy and Beth

## **We made it through...**

We had an incredible start to our school year in the Puppy Class! We were so pleased with how well all of our new friends have entered into our Puppy routine... it has been amazing...congratulations....everyone should be proud!

## **Last month...**

We had a lot of fun getting to know our classroom and all of our new friends. The children seem to really enjoy the calendar time and the different activities we have to offer. The apple theme was a hit too...not sure if the field trip, the tasting and charting of favorites, or the songs and projects were the most adored...maybe all of the above for some! The applesauce we made with the apples from our trip turned out to be very yummy for most, but not quite their idea of applesauce for others. Apple printing was also enjoyed. The idea of a star being inside the apple was a fun find while printing or reading stories.

## **October happenings...**

This month our theme will be fall and of course Halloween. So be on the look out for some squirrels, leaves that have changed colors, pumpkins, and those spooky ghosts, jack-o-lanterns, and witches for Halloween.

We will also be talking about safety this month. We see children running off from adults, walking to the car with out holding an adult's hand, children getting out of cars near other cars and not keeping aware of where they are in relation to other cars, climbing in places they shouldn't, etc. We will talk about how to stay safe, especially with Halloween trick-or -treating coming up.

In celebration of Halloween we'd like to have some Halloween snacks on Thursday and Friday October 29th, and 30th. If you are interested you may sign up on our snacks calendar ....and yes it has to be "Halloween-ish"!

## **Donations for this month...**

We are in need of pumpkins of varied sizes, gourds, golf tees, and 2 packages of spiders web...white please. Thank you so much!!!

IF YOU DARE....JOIN US FOR THE HALLOWEEN PARADE ON FRI. OCT. 30TH AT 10:00AM... BRING YOUR COSTUME IF IT IS YOUR DAY...IF NOT MEET US OUT FRONT IN YOURS!!!!  
YAAAAHAHAHA!!!  
(please label all parts)

## **Dates & Reminders...**

Closed...12th,  
Columbus Day  
Hot Lunch...13 & 28  
Music...8, 14, & 22  
Field Trip, Pumpkin picking...Oct. 28th Jane and Paul's Farm...info to follow  
School pictures for the Puppy Class...TBA

## Math Corner and Science of the month...

For math we had fun counting apples...pretend and real...we seemed to love the apples for the calendar counting! We also liked sorting out the different color of apples...red, yellow, and green.

Last month we had fun exploring water. We used the water table, we made bubbles with water, splashed around, poured, dumped, and checked out items that would sink and float! This month we will focus on the differences between day and night, check out some nature and seasonal changes with a nature walk and collection of items, and use scales to weigh and measure pumpkins and ourselves!

We will also compare and describe pumpkin attributes. There will also be some Halloween counting songs you should be hearing by the end of the month.

## Kindergarten Readiness Skills....

We got to know our classroom a little bit last month by having to learn where things go to be put away. This month we will focus on using open cups more than sippy cups. Some have been doing well already! So have those extra clothes in the cubby!!

## Sport of the month...

Soccer was a "kick" for the kids...(sorry, had to do it!) so we will continue into this month with soccer. We will also try football...not to worry, we have soft footballs we can throw to each other. We did some two handed throwing last month, so this month we will use only one hand and see how we do with catching the ball! No tackling though!



## Happy Birthday to you....

Happy Birthday to Zachary and Molly this month. Enjoy!

## Letter of the week....

We did the letter A last month...thank you to Thomas for the "A" bag...it was awesome!

If your child has not signed up for a letter please do so...each child needs one to adopt.

This month will be busy :

"B"= 10/5=

"C"=10/13=

"D"=10/19=

"E"=10/26=

As you can see...we are in need of some serious adoptions to take place here!! Please check out the parent info board to sign up...thanks.

**Seating spots...**We will be having seating tags at our tables starting this month. We thank you for your support with this and encouraging your child to find their seat upon arrival. Oh, and don't worry- We move the children around to different spots each day! It is a great way to build more friendships and promotes so much conversation....eventually, sometimes a little too much at lunch times...not much food gets eaten! We work on various skills at table-top time so we will be working on using what activity is placed at our seat. So parents please don't move what your child has at their spot or trade with someone else, we are skill building with each child. Thank you in advance.

## Thank you so much...

We wanted to thank Maeve's mom, Lily C.'s mom and nanny, Zachary's mom, Molly's mom, and Jack's mom for helping out on our field trip to Highland Farms in Holliston to pick apples. We really appreciate your help...these trips are not possible without drivers and assisted supervision on these trips.

Note: When signing the photo release form for the CDC, if you did not agree to have your child's first name, last name, or photo on the web, this means we cannot add their name in the newsletter for thank you's or birthday announcements, or letter of the week sign ups...so thank you to those parents who have helped out as well.

## Parent Tip....

Play time with other classmates outside of school....Play-dates are a wonderful way to expand social skills, make new friends, parents to get to know other parents and children in the class, enjoy new experiences, and make a connection between home and school. We tell the children that it is nice to want to play with someone, but it is up to their grown-ups to make the plans...not the children....have fun together!

## E-mail:

I have been entering e-mail addresses into the computer and some people are saying that they have not been getting them. I am still working on this, so please bare with me. To reach the Puppy Class by e-mail the address is [brunow@doversherborn.org](mailto:brunow@doversherborn.org). You may want to add us into your address book and send an e-mail to us. Maybe this will help me connect with you.

## Colors of the month....

This months colors are orange and black. Wear orange and black day will be on Mon. Oct. 26th and Tues. Oct. 27th. Your child may wear both colors or just one...which ever way they would like it! (Unless school picture day lands on one of these dates)



Some of our wonderful art work...nice job guys!!!



**Afternoon Fun...** In September we had fun with studio art after rest time. In October we will be focussing on Nature and Science. We will have an "organically" good time.