



Mrs. Steckler's Pre-K News



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What We Are Learning!

We began our Handwriting Without Tears (HWT) Program with the letter L using Play-Doh, iPads, chalk boards, and paint doobers. We spent the week learning about apples through books, videos, and songs. Thank you for sending in the apples! We sorted, graphed, and even tasted the different types of apples. They also wrote in their journals about their favorite. Many were surprised they liked the tart green ones! We practiced our tracing, cutting, gluing, and painting skills to make some apple crafts for our walls. We made an apple book and used tweezers with poms to practice our numbers in apple tins. We also rotated through several alphabet centers and continue to work on name writing daily.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 16 - Rockets Golf Scramble
Sept. 22- 1:00 pm Dismissal-Homecoming
Sept. 27 - Book Orders due
Oct. 4 - Pumpkin Patch Field Trip
Oct. 9 - No School-Columbus Day
Oct. 13 - No School-Teacher Institute
Oct. 20 - 12:00 pm Dismissal-No Buses

Show and Tell will be on Wednesday, September 20th.

Next week we will be practicing the letter F, the square, and talking about Fall.

Next week snacks:

Monday - Vivian

Tuesday - Oliver

Wednesday - Silas

Thursday - Mrs. Steckler

Friday - Lyla



Notes:

VBRD (Virtue-Based Restorative Discipline) is a faith-filled approach for addressing disruptive behavior in our school and St. Mary's has been participating in VBRD for several years. In Pre-K we choose one virtue per quarter to work on that is age appropriate for the littles. For our first quarter we have been talking about "self-control" as they learn the rules and routine of our classroom and get to know their classmates. We practice gathering in a circle at least twice a week to get the children used to the idea of only talking when it is their turn. We discuss seasonal topics, share good news, talk about our feelings, as well as finding a positive solution to problems as they arise (hurt feelings, unkind words, not sharing, hitting). It has also been working well to do Show and Tell in our circle.