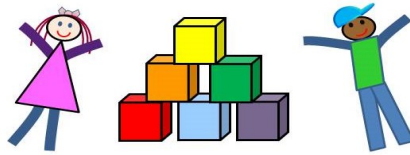


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Dear Parents,

With the school year in full swing, October's "Fall into Learning" theme will have the children using their little scientific minds to investigate fruits and vegetables as well as the changes that happen during this season. On our trip to Foster Farm, there is the opportunity to see the animals, go on a hay ride, navigate through the corn maze, and pick out a pumpkin to take home with them. Please join us for Pumpkin Night later in the month, where the children will get to decorate their pumpkins using feathers, ribbon, and other great materials. It is sure to be a fun time for all!

Time to say CHEESE! The children are scheduled to have their pictures taken toward the end of October. Please view the event list to the right on this newsletter or consult your child's class calendar for dates as it relates to his or her day. We expect to have the pictures back in time for you to view, purchase, and share with your friends and family for the holidays. At the end of the month, the children will learn all about fire prevention and safety. I hope you all have a great month. See you soon!

Sincerely,

Elith Boothe

Annual Family Pumpkin Night

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

in Nelson Hall

from 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

**Bring your pumpkin from Foster Farm to make a fun pumpkin creation!



Events

October 9 — Half Day **CLOSED** for Columbus Day

October 16 — Foster Farm Field Trip
Mrs. Mitton & Mrs. Drangenis' Full Day and Ms. Sanborn & Mrs. Kopacz' Half Day
MWF, MW, MTuTh, MWTh, and M-F classes

October 17 — Foster Farm Field Trip
Mrs. Sherman & Mrs. Pitter's Full Day and Miss Sanborn & Mrs. Kopacz' Half Day
MTuTh, TuWF, TuTh, and M-F classes

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SAVE YOUR PUMPKINS FROM FOSTER FARM FOR FAMILY PUMPKIN NIGHT!

October 23 — **Picture Day** for Mrs. Mitton & Mrs. Drangenis' Full Day and Ms. Sanborn & Mrs. Kopacz' Half Day
MWF, MW, MTuTh, MWTh, and M-F classes

October 24 — **Picture Day** Mrs. Sherman & Mrs. Pitter's Full Day and Miss Sanborn & Mrs. Kopacz' Half Day
MTuTh, TuWF, TuTh, and M-F classes

October 25 — Our Annual Family Pumpkin Night! Please join us from 6:30-7:30 pm for some great fun decorating with your little pumpkins!

We Made Apple Turnovers!!!



During this cooking activity, the teachers were able to incorporate **literacy** by reading the recipes together as well as **math** by counting and measuring the ingredients needed. Questions about what would happen next also added **science** to this activity. By creating the way the turnover looked, the children used **art** as well as **engineering**. Lastly **technology** was incorporated by way of the oven to bake delicious apple turnovers!

During the apple turnover cooking activity, the teachers were able to observe the children meeting various performance standards and benchmarks from the Connecticut State Department of Education Preschool Assessment Framework. These benchmarks include: Personal/Social 2: Sustains attention to task/goal that child has set out to accomplish, Personal/Social 7: Interacts cooperatively with peers, Participates in teacher-lead group activities, Physical 2: Uses coordinated small muscle movements, Cognitive 5: Compares and orders objects and events, and Cognitive 6: Relates number to quantity, just to name a few.



From the beginning to end, cooking is a rewarding time where the teachers are able to expose children to various educational topics as they learn. During the course of making apple turnovers, the children were able to **see** the ingredients that went into the recipe, **feel** the dough as they rolled it, **smell** the turnovers baking, **hear** that they were done, and finally get to **taste** them. What a delicious time the children had exploring with apples!!