

### Highlights of the Week

I hope everyone had an awesome time at Blake's Apple Orchard picking apples and pumpkins. We brought our pumpkin back to the classroom to work with it. In the classroom all of the activities are called "work" so that the children will associate positive feelings with the term which will hopefully carry over into their adult lives. This terminology also supports the importance of their activities. They are preparing to be adults- very important work indeed.

**Practical life area:** We have been scrubbing one of our pumpkins. We are reviewing raising our hand while on line and how to get the teachers attention if she is working with another student. We have also been practicing the "coat flip" to help the children put on his/her own coat.

**Math area:** We count the calendar days daily at morning line and the students also are writing out the numbers on a calendar sheet.

**Art area:** The students have been cutting pumpkin shapes and making patterns with cutouts or foam pieces.

**Language area:** New sounds and words are introduced to each child at their individual level. In the pre- language letter formation has been introduced by matching the letter with the shadow.

**Science:** Magnetic and Non-magnetic was introduced. The students predicted which items were Magnetic and Non-magnetic through out the classroom.

We also celebrated a students birthday with the walk around the sun. Happy Birthday Joshua!

#### Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:



*"The sensitive period it comes for a  
Moment, but its benefits last for  
A lifetime"*

#### Reminders:

- Whole School Portraits October 19th
- Halloween (No PM Kids Club) October 31st
- First Marking Period November 10th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences \*(**No School**, child care provided for FD/EXD students only) November 17th

#### Home/School Connection

Your child is learning the importance of cleanliness and the role that proper handwashing plays in preventing spreading germs. We are reminding children to wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before and after eating, after using the toilet, and after wiping their noses. Please encourage your child to put to practice the skills he/she is learning. Both your example and your encouragement are important. This is the season for illness.

**We all want to stay healthy and germ free!**