

### Highlights of the Week

It hardly seems possible that the month of September has come to an end! Our classroom is coming together quiet nicely. The children seem to be feeling more comfortable with classroom procedures and the daily schedule of our day. I'm starting to observe children choosing activities from the shelves, working with it, and completing the work cycle by returning the items to the shelf for the next child to use.

The theme this week has been apples. It has been a big hit with the students. We have been able to explore apples in different areas of the classroom.

**Practical Life skills:** We have started food prep. The children were able to use a knife (plastic) to spread cream cheese on an apple. Each child was able to help in preparing cinnamon apple sauce by washing and chopping up apples.

**Language:** The children were able to make their own book "I see an Apple."

**Science:** The students were able to investigate parts of an apple. They were given a magnifying glass to observe half of an apple, stem, skin, flesh, core and seeds. We talked about the apple turning brown because of the oxygen being introduced to the flesh of the apple.

**Art:** Apple printing with half of an apple. Seeing the star in center of the apple as the child painted was the favorite for most.

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



*"Education is a natural process carried out  
By the child and is not acquired by listening  
To word but by experiences in the environment."*

#### Reminders:

- Water bottles may be brought along with your child's lunch box. We have a water fountain for students in the classroom.
- Blake's Apple orchard field trip forms due date September 29th
- Blake's Apple orchard field trip October 6th
- Whole School Portraits October 19th

### Home/School Connection

#### Crockpot Applesauce

#### Ingredients:

- 4lbs cored and sliced
- 1/2 cup of sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

**First mix all the ingredients,  
next leave on high for 3  
hours, last smash up your ap-  
ples and enjoy!**