

Dear Families,

We had a very busy and very full week in the classroom. Children have settled nicely into their routines. We would love to invite you to come observe! If you would like to see the classroom in action, you can call the front office to make an appointment for a morning observation. I know the children would love to show you their work.

This week the children received their blindfolds. Blindfolds are used with some of the sensorial work, such as sorting so that children can use only the sense of touch to sort objects such as beads, shells and buttons. These items could be easily sorted by sight, but it is fun and challenging to sort them only by touch. Many children also use their blindfolds for an extra challenge, to revisit work that they already know very well. Children can build the pink tower, buckle a dressing frame, or even identify quantities of 2658 all while blindfolded!

On Friday we spent some time baking together. We used the apples that the Kindergartners picked from the orchard to make whole wheat apple bread. Everyone helped! Some children cut and peeled the apples, while others gathered ingredients. Some helped to read the recipe, while others cracked eggs, mixed and measured sugar, flour, and vanilla. It was a fun morning and enjoyed some warm, delicious apple bread as a community.

We celebrated **Julianna Hoover's** birthday. Happy 5th Birthday, Juli!

New Songs We Sang:

Counting the Stars - A Texan Lullaby

By n' bye, by n' bye

Stars shining, number, number one, number two

Good lord, by n' bye, by n' bye good lord, by m'bye

(continue counting the stars all the way up to 10)

Books We Read:

Leaves by David Ezra Stein

Apples and Pumpkins by Anne Rockwell

Apple Picking Time by Michele Benoit Slawson

Snack: Blackberries, yogurt, veggie straws, pomegranate, salt and vinegar chips, cucumbers, popcorn, moon drop grapes, olives, pickles, and cheese. Thank you to the **Gordon Family** for bringing in snack, flowers, and disinfecting wipes this week!

Volunteer Opportunities: I have had a number of parents ask about volunteer opportunities to help our classroom and our school. If jobs come up for our classroom, I will try to list them here. Right now we are looking for a family to help organize and dust our moveable alphabet boxes.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Meg DeMato