

Dear Families,

The children enjoyed learning the parts of a pumpkin this week. We have a harvest basket in the classroom, that the children use to sort items by color, shape, size, type of fruit, some children use it for writing with the moveable alphabet, while others use it for inspiration for story writing. Children often find ways to work together with the same materials, even if they are doing very different things. One of the joys of being in a Montessori classroom, is that children have the freedom to work with their friends, or work alone. Your little ones are making choices every day as to what will be the best place for them to work: with or without a friend, at a big or small table, on the floor, near the window, etc. With this freedom, comes the responsibility of not disturbing anyone else's work as well as making sure it is the best fit for yourself. Sometimes a little extra guidance is needed. Check out some of the pictures below to see how children made their choices.

This Friday is Grandparents and Special Friends Day at MLMS. Your child is welcome to bring a grandparent or a special friend to the classroom beginning at 10am. Children will have the chance to show their favorite works and introduce their friends to their special guest. It is ok if your child does not have a guest with them that day. Your child can stay for their normal school hours, or leave with their special guest at lunchtime. Please be sure to make contact with a teacher before departing with your child that day.

The Junior High students will be hosting their annual Fall Festival that day as well. You or your special guest can enjoy the festivities from 11:00 - 2:00. They can purchase a lunch, as well as purchase tickets to play games. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Jr. High's Model UN trip to New York City in March.

That evening is also Movie Night! The younger children can enjoy a double feature of *Room on the Broom* and *Spookley the Square Pumpkin*. Older children can look forward to watching *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* starting at 6:30. Pizza and snacks will be available for purchase. An adult must be present with children during movie night. Friends from outside of MLMS are welcome too!

Finally, please mark your calendar for Parent-Teacher conferences on Monday, November 12th. There is **NO SCHOOL** that day. You can sign up for your Parent-Teacher conference here: [Parent-Teacher Conferences](#) Laurel Club will be open that day if you need to pop your child in there during your conference slot. If none of these times work for you, please let me know.

New Songs We Sang:

Days of the Week

New Books We Read:

Harvest by Kris Waldherr

Snack: Triscuits, cucumbers, hummus, grapes, Ritz crackers, cheddar cheese, sting cheese, pretzels, apples, carrots, and rice cakes. Thank you to the **Hoover Family** for bringing in snack, flowers, and wipes this week!

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Sign up to bake with the children [Baking Sign Up](#)

Sincerely,
Meg DeMato