

Dear Families,

Many of the little ones have started helping to prepare their environment for the day. With great pride and concentration, the children help wash the dishes, fold the laundry, and prepare snack. These tasks allow children to deepen their sense of community by developing responsibility and care for others. Folding cloths allows children to see geometric patterns, as well as helping to put the laundry away for all of the children to use during the day. Preparing snack allows children to develop their hand-eye coordination, strengthen hands for handwriting, and give consideration to what their friends might enjoy proportion-wise.

We started to learn about apples, apple flowers, and pollination this week in preparation for the Kindergarten field trip to the apple orchard. We dissected a flower to look at the corolla, stamens, pistil, and calyx. Many children already knew quite a bit about pollinators, such as bees and butterflies, who carry pollen from flower to flower. We sang a song about shaking the apple tree, where children could insert their favorite color, which included blue apples, pink apples, rainbow, golden, and diamond apples! We are hopeful to have lots of apples that we can cook with next week!

If you would like to come bake with your little one, you can sign up to bake here: [Baking Sign Up](#) Our class bakes on Thursdays in the MLMS kitchen. It is a fun way to spend time with your little one, and get to know some other children in the class.

### **New Songs We Sang:**

#### *The Apple Tree*

Shake, shake the apple tree  
Apples RED and juicy.  
Shake, shake the apple tree  
Apples RED and juicy.  
One for you, one for me.  
Shake, shake the apple tree.

### **Books We Read:**

Whistle for Willie by Ezra Jack Keats  
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle  
How Do Apples Grow? by Betsy Maestro

**Snack:** cucumbers with cream cheese, sweet potato and beet chips, beets, beet crackers, triscuits, cheese, bell peppers, whole wheat crackers, cheddar cheese, strawberries, baguette, crème fraîche, and pickles. Thank you to the **Collao Family** for bringing in snack, flowers, and wipes this week!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Meg DeMato