

Hello families,

I hope everyone is having a relaxing evening. Your little ones are hard at work developing their functional independence. Many of the children are showing huge initiative to do things on their own, even if the challenge is greater than his current possibilities. There are several moments throughout the morning where Mrs. Yount and I will hear an ecstatic "I did it!!" or a profound "Ohhh" as your children are making neurological connections. Children this age love to work and be engaged for long periods of time, if the work matches their physical and psychological strength and fulfills their needs.

Currently, many of the children are focusing on meeting their own needs such as dressing, putting on shoes and slippers, and toilet learning. You can help your children at home by providing them a space to hang up their coat and backpack and provide a spot for shoes. Adding a small stool or chair to sit on in the environment will help your child's efforts and encourage a space for concentration. Encourage your child to make decisions on what they wear by offering a few simple choices in a closet or dresser they have access to. Helping your child help himself will open up latent potentials within him.

Next Tuesday we will have our first field trip to Hartland Orchard. The children are invited to arrive at school during our normal arrival time. We will load the bus around 9 am, leave the school at 9:15 and will arrive at the orchard around 9:40. If you prefer, you are more than welcome to drive yourself and your child and meet us at the orchard. If you would like to ride the bus with your child, please drop your child off at the normal time and you will board the bus with your child at 9. All children should have a lunch and a water bottle in their backpack and should wear appropriate clothing and shoes. We will pick apples and enjoy a picnic lunch together with some songs and poems we have been working on in class. We will leave the orchard around 11:15 in order to make it back for half day dismissal.

Please email me with any questions.

Warmly,
Sarah Veitenthal