

Mrs. Irre's Classroom Notes
September 2019

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The Kindergarten kids have a trip to Marker Miller Orchard tomorrow, Tuesday, September 24th.

The class photo will be taken Wednesday, September 25 AT 9:00 AM. PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR THE CLASS PHOTO. Individual photos will be taken after the class photo.

The parent education class, Coffee, Cake, and Curriculum with Carrie is scheduled for Thursday, September 26 at 3:15, following dismissal. We have many RSVPs already and look forward to hearing from more of you. It is helpful if you let us know if you are coming so we are able to accommodate your children in aftercare.

For anyone who would like to sign up to bake with children on Wednesday mornings, please see the sign up genius. Here is the

link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EACAB29A5FF2-primary>

It's a busy week!

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Happy fall!

The kindergarten children and I thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Marker Miller Orchard this week. We picked apples and intend to turn them into something yummy next week! Some of the children's classroom accomplishments include learning to tie, addition with the stamp game, beautiful sewing work, and writing simple stories. When getting ready for the parent education meeting the children were ecstatic to help get the classroom ready. They dusted, moved tables, wiped tables, swept the floor, and carried the chairs in to set them up for you. One of our brilliant minds counted the rows of four chairs... 4, 8, 12, 16!!

Our study of simple machines came to a close today. The children are hopeful to show you the simple machines. If you have a four or five-year-old extended-day student (non-napper), then please feel free to make plans to come to the class on Wednesday October 2nd when you pick your child up from school. We will set up the machines during our afternoon class and have them available all afternoon. Whatever time you pick your child up, regular dismissal, sibling dismissal or from aftercare, stop in and allow them to show you how the machines work.

Among many other things, the four-year-olds have begun writing. Some use the movable alphabet to create words, some are practicing mechanical writing on a chalkboard or paper. Many are counting teens and playing the bank, manipulating thousands, hundreds, tens and units. Large floor puzzles, one of insects, the other of our solar system, have been favorites.

The youngest of the children focus a lot on practical life skills. Today I heard "I did it!" when one of our three-year-olds figured out the mystery of the button frame. Paint brushes, tongs, opening and closing containers, rolling mats and folding aprons keeps them very busy. It was mentioned in our first of four curriculum meetings that these ordinary things are what children love to imitate. And, did you know children love water?

As follow up to our practical life meeting, below you will find pictures of children of various ages involved in skills of practical life. Enjoy your weekend!

