

## Kindergarten October News

### **Important Dates:**

**October 9th-** Field trip to Mulberry Lane Farm

**October 11th-** Early release at 1pm

**October 17th** -Conferences

**October 18th-** NO SCHOOL and Conferences

**October 22nd** -Conferences

**October 25th-** No school

### **Field Trips:**

Please send a cold lunch with your child on the days of the field trip. Please be sure that the cold lunch is still peanut and tree nut free so that we can all be safe and have fun! Make sure to label your students lunch with their name. Dress your child appropriately for the weather because we will be outside the duration of the trip. Our field trips and special visitors, such as the bat and owl are paid for by our experiential learning fees. If you have not yet paid this fee for your child please consider doing this soon.

**Reading:** Book bags will be coming home. Please be sure to practice reading with your student each night. They are so excited about reading and are bursting with enthusiasm to share it with you at home. Encourage them to use their reading finger to point to the words as they read across the page. During reading we will be focusing on looking at picture clues to help us when we get stuck on a word, stretching out our sounds as well as working on rhyming by using our weekly poems.

**Writing:** We are working on personal narratives in kindergarten. During writing time, we encourage students to write about adventures they have had or are going to have. We are working hard to be sure that students understand that by stretching the sounds they hear in a word they can independently build words. We are also working to build a bank of automatic words that the students write (and read) independently. These words include the words: like, can, see, the, to, I. We will continuously be adding words to this list. In writing, we have been working hard to help students remember that the illustrations they draw must match the words that they write. It is amazing how much more willing the students have become during journal time in just a few short weeks.

**Math:** Through the month of October, we will be focusing on representing the numbers 1-20 with visual pictures. This will help students to better understand what the number 10 looks like not only as a group, but a number as well. When we work with these numbers and draw pictures of what they look like, your student will gain a better understanding of how to break down and manipulate the number more easily. This will help when we move into addition and subtraction later in the year.

**Content:**

Ryan- We will be learning about different types of apples and pumpkins. On our trip to the farm our students will get a pumpkin, so it will be an excellent extension of the learning in our classroom. We will talk about the different parts of apples and pumpkins, as well as how they grow. Also, we will look at the process of how farmers grow apples and pumpkins and how they get from the farms to our tables.

Melisa-We will continue our work to discover more about night animals. Through our unit we will talk about animal classification, especially characteristics of mammals and birds. We will have animals from the Wildlife Sanctuary visit our classroom at the end of October. This is a great way to see the animals up close and personal as well as hear more facts about the importance of these animals in our ecosystem .

Abbie- We will be learning about the animals that live on the farm along with their characteristics and what job they have on the farm. We will discuss the different types of farms and take a look at the crops that farmers grow. We will take a look at how crops go from the farm to our table!