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It seems as if the month of September just flew by! The children enjoyed activities that invited them to get to know each other and the classroom last month. We were able to take time to learn things about each other through games, pictures, group time and the question of the day. As we started this fall with new faces we also took the time to create our classroom rules. Each child was able to share a rule they would like to have in the classroom and why. During our conversations we discussed safety, respect, kindness and cooperation, just a few of our virtues.

Our trip to Fall Harvest Orchard was a great success, thank you to all that volunteered for this field trip! The weather was perfect for the children to enjoy a wagon ride, feed and pet some of the animals, play in the corn pits and look for apples and pumpkins. It was a great way to jump into fall! We hope you enjoyed the photos posted on our classroom's Shutterfly site.

Heading into October we're getting ready for a variety of fall activities. The first two weeks of the month we will explore all things related to apples. From our field trip, the children have been curious about apples and how they grow. We will take the time to help the children answer that question while also using them for taste testing, art, science projects and a cooking project. Moving on from apples, we will then take the time to explore pumpkins. We enjoy using pumpkins during this time of year for math and science exploration. The children will have the opportunity to estimate how many seeds will be in the pumpkin we carve, how much it weighs and what the details on the outside of the pumpkin tell us about the inside of it. After our investigation, we will then get to carve our pumpkin for Halloween.

On Halloween your child may bring their costume to school for trick or treating in the morning and our annual Halloween parade in the afternoon. Costumes can be left at your child's cubby at drop off. The morning of Halloween the preschool class will go trick or treating at the strip mall across from Bloom. (Weather permitting) We have been trick or treating in the same area for many years, and have established great relationships with the businesses! We will change the children out of their costumes for lunch and nap. In the afternoon we will help them prepare for the parade.

Also this month we will have fall conferences. The sign-up for conferences can be found on the parent board inside of the classroom. Conference time is a great time to learn about your child's development and for you to have any questions you may have answered.

Happy Fall,

Your Preschool Staff