



Artwork by Alex

Dear Parents,

Primary 1
October 26, 2011

Making homemade applesauce at the end of last month was a big hit! Thank you to Mrs. Lima (Leeloo's mom) for assisting with the sometimes messy but always fun, peeling of the apples. Though everyone participated in the peeling and making of the applesauce not everyone wanted to eat it, and that's ok. It is about the process and not the product for our children. Let's try to remember that next time they want to help us fold the laundry, we can always refold it after they are asleep. ☺

Visitation morning was a big success! The children were so proud to be the teachers for the day and show their parents all the lessons they have learned.

As the month of October started with Columbus Day, we have introduced the children to both the World and North America puzzles maps. Map making using our geography puzzles are educational and fun! They assist with hand-eye coordination, foster deep concentration, spatial awareness and develop problem solving skills; children develop strategies for solving puzzles such as isolating colors, searching for certain shapes, designs and patterns... all pre-reading and math skills. As we move into November we will continue exploring different countries in North America, the Thanksgiving story and Native Americans.

Our Fall Party will be this Friday, Oct. 28th at McGough Nature Park, 11901 - 146th Street North. Thank you to Mrs. Jennifer Manfrey (Avery's mom) and Mary Torok (Emmet's mom) for organizing what is sure to be a wonderful day. Food and helpers are still needed! Please email room parents Jennifer Manfrey jmanfrey@tampabay.rr.com or Mary Torok marytmenendez@yahoo.com to contribute or volunteer for the party. Please arrive by 9am on so we can leave promptly for the party. If your child will not be attending or needs a ride please let the teachers know ASAP by registering online, so we are not waiting for you. We will return to school by noon.

Scholastic Book Club flyers are in your folders this week! It's so easy to order great books for your child's library or for gifts. (It's easy to order online) There is nothing like owning a book to build a child's enthusiasm about learning to read! Scholastic Book Clubs offer a great selection of books at a great value. Please check out the flyer and order some books today! Points earned from book orders also help the teachers add great books to our classroom libraries. Thank you for your support!

Happy Birthday to Christopher who turned 4 this month!

Thank you to:

- The Silvestro family for our new Geometric Shapes activity and Letter/Number Puzzle.
- Thank you to Mrs. Manfrey (Avery's mom) for being the host of our annual Parent/Teacher social. It was a wonderful and delicious evening!
- Our wonderful lunch parents, we are always grateful for your assistance!
- All the families that help provide our children with enjoyable and healthy snacks.

Children's Line: *(please choose small items or a picture, place in a bag with your child's name)*

Thursday, Oct. 27th - An object that sinks or floats.

Thursday, Nov. 3rd - something that grows from a seed.

Thursday, Nov. 10th- Something smooth or rough.

Thursday, Nov. 17th -canned food donation (food drive).

Thursday, Dec. 1st – Something quiet or loud (*not too loud please*).

Important Dates:

Wednesday, October 26 – Tonight! – **Parent Ed Series – Learning to Read!**

Friday, October 28 – Fall Party at **McGough Nature Park** (morning)

Friday, November 18 – **Primary Pow Wow** – 10:00am – don't miss it! More info to follow!

- followed by school wide **Harvest Gathering** and **half day dismissal**

Monday, November 21 thru Friday, November 25 -**Thanksgiving Break**

Wednesday, November 30th – **Parent Ed Series – Montessori Mathematics!** More info to follow!

Wanted –

- Bananas for food prep in November. Please sign up today to contribute!
- Used teabags for recycling into our compost.
- Soil for planting.
- Parents with "*green thumbs*" for gardening during the morning work cycle 9:30 – 11am on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd

Sincerely,

The P1 Team,

Lisa Elliott, Linda Gerwig, Kim Bergamo and Joanne Bossa

“One must learn by doing, for though you think you it, you have no certainty until you try”

– Aristotle