

# Miss. Mimi's Bi-Weekly Newsletter



## SUBJECTS

### THIS MONTH'S FOCUS:

- ◆ Introduction to supplies/materials
- ◆ Name recognition
- ◆ Identifying shapes and colors with a focus on circles and the color yellow
- ◆ Apple Unit (dissection, sensory play, life cycle, study of Johnny Apple Seed)
- ◆ Scientific observation using our senses

**Art:** Sensory based crafting with techniques involving playing with different textures and mediums to make apple based crafts.

**Math:** Introduction to early math concepts with skills such as pattern making, identifying differences (taller, shorter, bigger smaller) and 1 to 1 association.

**Science :** Discussions of problems and solutions and observation using the senses to create hypotheses.

**Writing/ Literacy:** Introducing students to their names for recognition, teaching print concepts such as how to hold books and turn pages, and how to follow along the visual words on the paper and those spoken aloud. Also understanding that the letters on the page form individual words to make sentences which are read from left to right to make a story.

**Centers:** Various activities designed to help strengthen fine motor skills such as pincer and tripod grips, finger dexterity, in hand manipulation and rotation skills. Includes sensory bin with tongs, tweezer games, puzzle making, building with magnets and blocks and more.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- 9/22: First Day of Fall
- 9/26: Johnny Appleseed's Birthday
- Specials: Tuesday Literacy and Thursday Science with Ms. Kathy

**Vocabulary words:** apple, apple cider, apple pie, bushel, basket, wagon, seasons, Fall, September, and Johnny Appleseed

**Letter of the Week:** Continuing the alphabet and discussion of how letters are made up of long lines, short lines, big curves and small curves.

**Color:** Review of all colors with a focus on yellow.

**Shape:** Review of all the shapes with a focus on circles.

### UNITS OF STUDY

**Circle Time:** Learning Days of the Week, Months of the Year songs and the Pledge of Allegiance in English. Also, working on being able to sit attentively and being respectful listeners when others talk as we take turns speaking.

**Spanish:** Learning 1-10 and the days of the week in Spanish.

**ASL:** Introducing the concept and usage of American Sign Language and beginning to learn weather signs in ASL.

**Life Skills:** We are currently introducing many life skills to get a better understanding of them before focusing on one such as getting dressed independently, food prep, basic sewing skills, gardening, and problem solving skills.