

Child and Family Study Center

Why Classroom Newsletter

October 23, 2006

LAST WEEK

Last week we finished a unit on apples. We learned about the many colors that apples can be, tasted them, and also discussed the types of foods that can be made with apples. On Friday we got to make apple muffins with Sarah! See if your child can recall what ingredient they added to the bowl. We really enjoyed selling apples and other produce at the dramatic play "Garden Shop", planting seeds in the sensory table, and investigating ice at the science center.



Selling Vegetables at the Garden Shop

HOME SCHOOL CONNECTION

Your child will be learning about how some animals work during fall to get ready for winter. Prepare the following "treat" for a squirrel so your child can watch it pick up food and carry it to the nest.

Give your child all or some of the following ingredients:

Peanuts (in shell), sunflower seeds and plain popped popcorn. Mix ingredients in brown bag and shake on ground for squirrel to enjoy.

THIS WEEK

On Friday we will sadly say good-bye to our student teachers, Jen and Sarah. We have enjoyed having them both in the room and will be sad to see them go. They will both go on to their second student teaching placement teaching kindergarten. We wish them well!

We will begin our theme on "Fall" this week. Your child will become familiar with some of the fruits and vegetables harvested in the fall, the weather during fall, and how animals prepare for the fall and winter season. They will have the opportunity to sell and pick pumpkins in the dramatic play "Pumpkin Patch", dig for objects in the leaves at the sensory table, and count buttons for the scarecrow jackets at the small manipulative center. The DAP students continue to teach their small group lessons and have a variety of activities planned to compliment this theme.



Sarah's singing duck.

REMINDERS

- ☺The cold weather is arriving fast, so please remember to send **hats, mittens, and scarves** to school with your child. If possible, please label each of these items with your child's name.
- ☺Book order due Tuesday, October 24, 2006.
- ☺Field trip to the fire station is for Tuesday. We will be leaving at 9:30 AM. Please be sure to dress your child warmly as we will be walking. Permission slips will be on parent shelf.

Melissa

