

Kindergarten's

Classroom Connection

September 27, 2018

It's hard to believe that it's the third week of Kindergarten. The class is settling in beautifully, and they are feeling more comfortable with what is expected of them as Kindergarteners.

- In reading workshop this week, we have continued to explore folktales and fables. We are comparing and contrasting stories, characters and settings. We've discussed the feelings that the characters might have as well as the lessons that the stories are teaching.
- Our mentors came again this week and helped us to draw, color and paint our very unique apple trees. Both the mentees and the mentors had a wonderful time. Cate and I are seeing some sweet friendships beginning.
- During math workshop, we have been learning the days of the week, counting our classmates and the members of our families, as well as using some of our new attribute and sorting skills to sort each other (e.g. I call all the children with shorts up front, and the class has to guess the "rule" or attribute that they have in common).
- In Handwriting, we have been working on numeral writing and learning that all numbers and letters are made up of four basic elements (little line, big line, little curve, big curve). We used these to make "Mat Man".

Tidbits and Reminders:

- This Saturday, September 29th is The Hill School Country Fair. See *Take Note* for more information.
- Next Thursday, October 4th is Back to School Night. We look forward to sharing a little bit about your child's day.
- Friday, October 5th is Arboretum Day. Please see *Take Note*.
- Monday, October 8th (Columbus Day) is a Professional Development Day for the faculty. There will be no school.
- October 18th is Parent Conference Day. We will have a schedule of the conferences posted in our classroom at Back-to-School Night, and you are welcome to trade appointments with other families then.
- Friday, October 19th is a fall holiday.
- A few children still need their second pair of sports shoes to be left here at school.
- Also, water bottles have been working well. The class is settling into the routine of leaving them on their desks throughout the day and taking their bottles home nightly.