

Room 8 News

October 10, 2008



Apples, apples, apples

Last week and this week, the students are exploring apples. We had plenty of apples to talk about! Last Friday, we made some delicious **apple crisp** with the help of some of our Room 8 moms. Yummy! **(See recipe on back for your family to enjoy!)** Thanks for sending the apples and thanks to **Laurel Chessin, Jenny Lee, Lien Magee, Jenny Mascola, Helen Pacheco, Stacey Ryder and Catarina Sevely** for helping prepare and/or baking the apple crisp! We will tie apples into one of our social studies units on goods and services. Also, the students will look at the inside parts of the apples and record their findings in our science notebook. We will end our apple unit with fun apple centers next Friday, Oct. 17th @ 10:20. If you can help with the centers, please let Stacey Ryder know!

Math Groups

We have started to work in math groups this week and I am so happy to see how well the students have adjusted! During three days of the week, the students will rotate to either work in small groups with me (working on skill), games (reviewing skills in a FUN hand-on manner) or at their seat (reviewing skills with extra practice or extra hands-on tasks).

There will be occasions where the centers will need parental volunteers. I will be informing you well ahead of time.

The math timed tests have been going well. I have discussed with the students importance of noting the operation sign (+, -) before writing their answers. Each test is allowed only one error to move ahead.

Homework

Thank you for your support in helping your child return the homework. I hope your child has cut the green word cards to make "flash cards" for the sight vocabulary. These should be practiced daily, until they can be read and written easily.

A suggestion is to have your use these words in a sentence, orally. If possible, have your child also write the sentence using the word or you can write the sentence that your child dictates and have him/her practice reading the sentences. The cards do not have to be returned to the classroom, but kept in a safe place at home. Thanks!



Music

We are enjoying our music lessons with Jane Hindman (Aurora's mom), our music docent, on Fridays. We will be exploring the difference between **beat and rhythm, dynamic and pitch** using our voices and fun rhythm instruments. Ask your child if they can sing the "goodbye song" for you! (Hint: "Happy trails")

Book Borrowing

I just want to remind everyone that the Book Borrowing should be read each day as part of the homework. I know some students are reading chapter books and those will be at home longer. **Some students do not seem to be returning their books on a regular basis.** Also, books read from home can be added to your book list!



ROOM 8's

AWESOME APPLE CRISP RECIPE

(Preheat oven to 375)

1. Lots of apples--pared, cored and sliced.

*sprinkle with white sugar, some cinnamon and lemon juice
(Granny Smith are best)

*place in pie dish or pan

2. Mix together until crumbly:

1/2 cup flour

1/2 cup packed brown sugar

1/4 cup butter

1 tsp. cinnamon

3. Sprinkle crumbly mixture over the apples that have been place in a pie dish or pan.

4. Bake at 375 for about 30 minutes.

5. Eat and enjoy! (It's great with vanilla ice cream on top)

SEE YOU TOMORROW AT THE WALKATHON! Have a wonderful week-end!

