

Third Grade News

September 25, 2014

Number Three

Upcoming Events:

Fri. Sept. 26, 1-3 Finish tipis.

Sat. Sept. 27: Hill School

Country Fair

Sept. 28: Daffodil Orders due!

Fri. Oct 3: All-Day Indian Projects with Michael Sotosanti

Thurs. Oct 9: Back to School Night

Thurs. Oct. 16: Parent Conference Day

Fri. Oct. 17: Fall Holiday, No school.



Apple Gleaning

What a perfect morning we had for our field trip to Marker-Miller Orchard! The students spread out over rows of apple trees, looking for the apples that paying customers had left behind. This year's crop was so bountiful that quite a few branches broke under the weight of the apples. When children found these broken branches, they yelled, "Jackpot!" and filled their buckets.



We filled bags that held 10 pounds of apples, each aiming to fill at least 5 bags.

Adopted Trees

Place-Based Education is an important part of the Hill School experience. Each year, in a variety of ways, we try to connect children with the natural environment that surrounds us.



In 3rd Grade, each child adopts a tree for the year, visiting it to see how it changes through the seasons.

On Tuesday, we joined our mentors for a Tree Hunt, using a map to locate our 22 trees. Next week, weather permitting, we will be collecting leaves to press and use in art projects.



At the end of the morning, we piled our bags into the bed of a pick-up truck for delivery to food pantries and homeless shelters. We collected enough apples to provide 6,570 servings of food to local people in need.



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