



# Kindergarten's Classroom Connection October 2, 2014

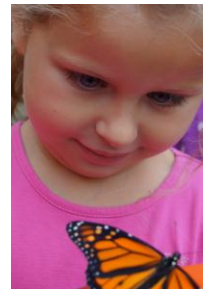
Wow! The Kindergarteners have started their year off with great energy and enthusiasm. On Tuesday we enjoyed our second field trip of the year, Stribling Apple Orchard; we enjoyed the fresh air and saw lots of apples and apple trees. We also received a mini lesson on the seasons of an apple tree. I was proud of our students and their thoughtful answers. Everyone left with a bag of apples that they picked. Many thanks to all of the parents who joined us.



Last Friday we had a special science adventure with lower school science teacher, Martha Burke, as well as other members of Hill's science team. Hopefully your child came home hooting like an owl and telling you some interesting facts about owls and their food chain.



Just a reminder that cold and flu season is approaching and we have a student in our class who is highly sensitive to strep. In the classroom we encourage the children to wash their hands often to help prevent the spread of germs. Please as always keep your child home if they are sick, especially if they have a fever. Also, notify the school of any case of confirmed strep so that we can take precautions.



A special thank you to the Markus family for the caterpillars that the Kindergarteners have enjoyed watching for the last 2 weeks; they have finally turned into beautiful Monarch Butterflies.



Finally, many Kindergarteners have been bringing toys such as stuffed animals to school. We haven't discouraged them doing so until now; however, the toys have started to become a distraction, so please support our new classroom rule of "no toys at school" (with the exception if they are a chosen treasure to share in our golden treasure box).



# Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, October 9 is Back to School Night. The evening begins at 7:00 in the theater and progresses to the classrooms, ending at approximately 9:00. We will discuss our plans and special events for this year in the Kindergarten room. We are looking forward to seeing you.
- Tuesday, October 14 is our field trip to the pumpkin patch. We leave at 8:30 and will return in time for lunch at 12:30.
- Thursday, October 16 is Parent Conference Day. No School. The schedule of the conferences will be mailed to you in the next couple of days and will be posted in the classroom on Back to School Night. We encourage you to trade with another family if the assigned time/day does not work for you, or reschedule directly with us for a different time if that is not possible.
- Friday, October 17 is a fall holiday there is no school. Enjoy your long weekend!