

## Wee Folk in October

The first few weeks of school have passed so quickly, with many accomplishments already! The children are enjoying now friendships and are working and playing well in their classes, having made a good adjustment to the daily routines. We are pleased with the way the children are progressing and learning to function as a group. What a nice way to begin a new school year!

With the arrival of fall, we will be observing and learning about the seasonal changes taking place. Our calendar song, "This month is October, the leaves will fall down," will help us begin thinking about colorful leaves and signs of the season. We will be continuing learning about the work that farmers do, as we compare how **apples** and **pumpkins** grow, and discover the seeds inside them. Our project work will reflect this theme as we create a variety of apple and pumpkin crafts this month, and make applesauce together to share for our snack!

Favorite books we will read this month will include: *Apple Farmer Annie*; *The Apple Pie Tree*; *Apples!*; *Ten Apples Up on Top*; *Johnny Appleseed*; *Apples & Pumpkins*; *Picking Apples and Pumpkins*; *The Littlest Pumpkin*; and *Pumpkin Moonshine*.

A special day we look forward to observing in October is "Bring your Bible to School Day," sponsored by Focus on the Family. This year, instead of celebrating in the traditional way, we will be giving our new students a copy of ***The Jesus Storybook Bible*** to take home! We look forward to using this version for our monthly Bible stories. As the children hear the stories and see the DVD retelling, you may also reinforce these Bible truths by reviewing them with your child at home.

We hope you will be on hand to support our **Fall Fest** fundraiser on Saturday, October 12, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the church pavilion. There are many ways you can support this event. Please let us know if you plan to bake for the bake sale or have things to donate or sell. We still have a few tables available! Hot dogs, Philly pretzels, and beverages will be on sale, too!

Our traditional friendly costume parade and **Pumpkin Party Day** is scheduled to be held on **October 31**. The children are invited to come to school in a simple costume (no mask) that they can keep on through their class time, or change out of easily. This is meant to be a fun and positive experience in which the children dress up as animals, Disney or storybook friends, or other characters that promote positive qualities. Scary and aggressive type characters are not appropriate for our school, (Power Rangers, Pirates, Ninjas, Super Heroes, ghosts, witches, etc.) as young children tend to take on the role of their costume character. Parents and grandparents are welcome to gather in the church fellowship hall to watch our parade, which will begin as soon as all the children arrive for their regular class time. After our parade, the children will return to the classroom to play pumpkin games, "bob" for apples Wee Folk style – with tongs, carve a jack-o-lantern, hear a friendly Halloween story, and enjoy a party snack!

### **Special Days on October**

- October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30:     **Alphabet Adventures – Letters A, B, C, D, & E!**  
Lunch-bunch, followed by alphabet theme activities for  
our Pre-K students. Time: 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM
- October 5:                         **Apple Butter Frolic 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**  
On the grounds of the Mennonite Heritage Center  
Parking at Indian Valley Middle School with shuttle service  
Come see me and Mr. Moyer at the Apple Fritter stand!
- October 5:                         **Harleysville Fire Station Open House**
- October 10:                        Farm Unit Celebration  
We'll be making a "Chick-Feed Snack"
- October 12:                       **Wee Folk FALL FEST!! 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
at the Indian Creek pavilion – Rain or Shine!
- October 17:                       **Applesauce Day!!**  
**Please bring an apple to add to our cooking pot!**
- October 31:                       **Pumpkin Party Day!**  
Join us for our costume parade at arrival time!  
Party fun & games to follow in our classroom.

**Please note ...** Vision Screening scheduled this month with the MCAB has been rescheduled and will be conducted on Tuesday, December 17, with Caroline Trump.