

October 2, 2009

Dear Families,

Our week was filled with non-stop action. I really love how our centers are going. This is different from how I've done it in the past. The new format allows the students to have a variety of academic and social centers, some structured and some non-structured. The kids work their way through nine centers on Mon., Tues. and Wed. On Fridays they have the opportunity to go back and visit three of their favorite centers from the week. We couldn't make this work without all the parent volunteers. Thank you very much to all our volunteers.

Also, a big thank you to Mrs. Gude. She helped us with our monthly "food" project. To wrap up the month of September, she had the kids make carmel apples. If anyone has an appropriate food project for an upcoming month, please let us know. We would appreciate any ideas or even coming in and doing it with groups of children on a selected Friday.

Wednesdays are sharing day. Students are welcome to bring sharing each Wednesday. The kids did such a great job with it this week. Students who did not have a physical item to share either shared a story, joke or just said, "pass."

Requests:

Next week we will begin Daily 5 from 12:15-12:40ish. During Daily 5, I put the students into 5 different groups. Throughout the week each group will: Read to self, Read to Partner, Listen to Reading, Handwriting and Word Work. I could use one parent to work this time frame to help assist the students who are doing "Word Work." I would need a commitment for a minimum of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. However, doing the whole

week would be great. Please let me know if you are interested in this commitment.

Reminders:

Next Thursday, October 8th is Fall Harvest Day, in preparation for the parish Harvest Festival on Sat., Oct. 10th. The kids can come to school dressed in their favorite fall colors.

Next Friday, October 9th is NO SCHOOL. Teachers have an all-day Religion Articulation Inservice in Burien.

Sincerely,
Traci Sauvage