

Our "Apples, Apples, Apples" theme kept us busy this week... and our room smelling good too! We learned the stages of apples growing, brainstormed lots of ways to eat apples, compared and graphed the apples we brought to school (more red ones), made Crockpot applesauce, dehydrated apples (a favorite!), and practiced patterning by making pictures with 10 apples on our heads. Friday we will read "Three in One: A Picture of God," a great book using an apple to help us understand the Trinity. We'll also learn about Johnny Appleseed whose birthday is Saturday.

Last weekend all 3 of our monarch caterpillars turned into chrysalises. We check them every day and are anxiously waiting for the butterflies to come out.

Wednesday morning was a special time when our class gathered around the flagpole to pray for our school as part of the annual nationwide "See You at the Pole" event. I offered to pray for the class but was not surprised when most of the children wanted to offer their own prayers. Their prayers included thanks for Bishop Hayes Catholic School, their teachers and friends, and that all the students would learn to read their books. I was touched by the sincerity and depth of their prayers. I do believe God answers the prayers of these little ones!

I still have a set of book orders to be claimed. There is a set of books with CDs and also Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten. Let me know if this order belongs to you.

Our library day is now set for every Tuesday. Please have your children's books returned by then so they can check out another one.

Friday mornings will also be an exciting time as we meet our "5th grade buddies." They will come to our class and read to us or occasionally help us with special projects on Fridays.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU to Hannah's grandma Teresa Chatfield who has volunteered to help the children make an "A,B,C's of Kindergarten" scrapbook for the Bishop Hayes Auction. She will begin next week coming in the afternoons to take pictures and help the children make the pages. If you are willing to help her, please let me know! She did this with the 1st grade class last year and it auctioned for \$525!

Remember... There is no school on Monday September 28. Please remember to have your family pages for our class "Home Families" book to school by Tuesday September 29.

Have a great weekend!

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