



THE HELEN G. MUIR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

“Love is the rule in our school!”

October 2008

Our first month of school was busy! We made new friends and reacquainted ourselves with some old ones! So many new faces and names to learn! Thank you to all of our parents who attended Back to School Night! And thank you also to those who signed up as volunteers. Your role as a volunteer is greatly appreciated at our school!

Picture Day is Friday, October 3rd. Lifetouch will be offering fall backgrounds this year. Please dress your child in clothing they can remain in throughout the day.



We're looking forward to fall and cooler days!
What a great school year this will be!

Happy October!

Norma Topping
Director

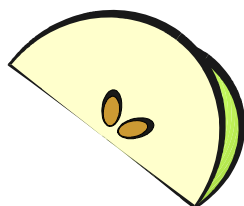
TERRIFIC TWO AND ½'S

The terrific 2 ½'s have had a wonderful start to the school year; learning to leave parents at the door becomes easier when all the thrills of play dough, rice, and trucks beckon them inside.



We have been learning our new friends' names, all about each other, as well as the joys of sharing and playing together. Our class celebrated the first day of autumn with “stained glass leaves” and Johnny Appleseed's birthday by studying apples their colors, tastes, and how to print with them. We are all looking forward to a fun filled school year with so many discoveries to be made, and are excited to be a part of this wonderful “family”!

Mrs. Debbie Wheelless
Miss Ena Puljic



THRILLING THREE'S

September, and a new year, began with lots of smiles and a few tears. We began what I hope will be a fun filled year of learning through play.



We ease into each morning with free play. This is followed with circle time, snack, outside time, structured play (centers) and story time.

A popular theme in September is apples. We've counted and sorted apples, made apple prints, painted shiny red apples, and finally made apple-sauce. We learned a new rhyme “Five Red Apples” with our glove puppet and made an apple tree with our hand prints.

We have also been busy with our colors, shapes and numbers. We made a number poster and a “We're a Colorful Class!” display for our room, and played “I Spy!” with the shapes in our classroom. October will bring a nature walk, painting with leaves, the color orange, learning that plants, animals, and people grow and change, and of course Halloween.

Mrs. Michele Aravich
Mrs. Ashley Wright

THE FANTASTIC FOURS

The first month of school was an exciting one in the Fantastic Four's class. We've been busy making new friends, learning our class rules and getting back into the swing of things.

We began our month with Apples. We painted apples, painted with apples and to complete our apple theme we had "Apple Tasting Day". The children voted on their favorite apples and we made a graph showing the results.

Our alphabet letters were A and B. We are learning recognition, sound, and how to write our letters (upper and lower case). Sign language is back this year. Ask your child to show you the letter of the week and any words they may have learned. We are working on the numbers 1 and 2. It is amazing how many things you can do with 1 and 2!

Our literacy curriculum, "Doors to Discovery", is in full swing. The children have met tabby Tiger and are excited to be reading our first book called "My Big Day".

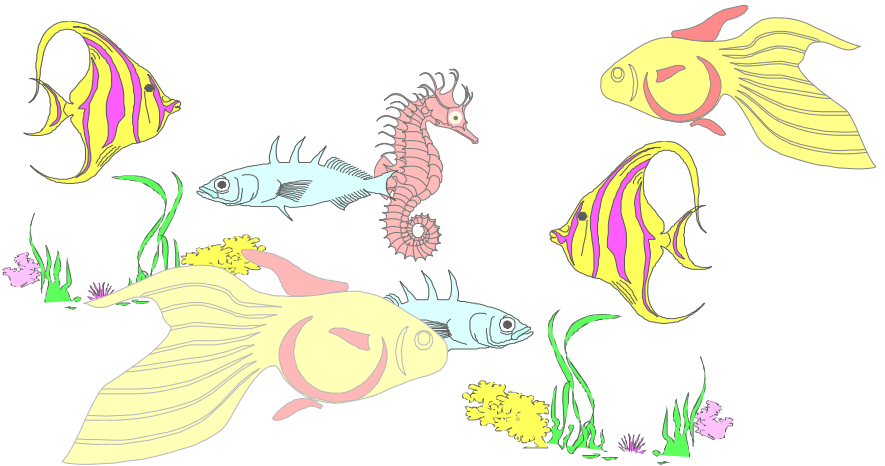
The puppets from Al's Pals are joining us this year. They will be helping us to make healthy choices with stories, games, and music. We are looking forward to our visits with them.

With fall approaching we look forward to colorful artwork in our halls and all the fun and excitement that comes this time of year. We are enjoying your children and their enthusiasm to learn. This makes for an exciting year!

Mrs. Susan Minter
Mrs. Kate Radermacher

Let's Read it Together!
Which ball goes with the game the children are playing?

A collection of illustrations related to sports and reading. At the top left, a bear sits holding a sign that asks a reading comprehension question. Below the sign are several images: a scene of two children playing flag football, a girl kicking a soccer ball, a 2x2 grid of blue squares each containing a white icon of a different ball (basketball, baseball, soccer ball, football), a boy jumping for a basketball, and two children talking, one holding a small dog.



Girl Scout

Corner Troop 1327

Juniors * Cadettes

We invite you to the world of scouting! Meetings are held on Mondays, at Wythe Presbyterian Church from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Learn more about joining scouts and being a member of Troop 1327!

Please call Lisa Thatcher, 757-726-2110.

Mark your calendars! Helping Hands Annual Food Drive for the Food Bank is October 18!