



HELEN G. MUIR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

"Love is the rule in our school!"

I was happy to see more children arrive with smiles on their faces during the second week of school! For many, this is their first adventure out in to this big ole' world and they're not quite sure if they are ready for it or not. A few tears remain for some of our two year olds who are worrying, "What will Mommy do without me ALL morning?" These tears, of course, make even the bravest of Mom's fret about leaving their "baby". Please do not worry, Mom's (and Dad's, too!). The children are all smiles and delightful giggles within a short time of your departure as they busy themselves with toys, games and playing with new friends!

Thank you to all who attended "Back to School Night", and to those who signed up as volunteers for the many jobs we need help with! We appreciate the wonderful support of our parents and value you as important partners in your child's education.

This year I am excited to announce that we will again participate in the Mayor's Book Club! This is a new reading program that began last year by the mayor of Hampton, Molly Ward, for pre-k through 1st grade students. Each month, the Mayor along with community volunteers, visit Hampton schools and read a book-of-the-month to the children. Each child receives their own copy of the selected book! More information about this will be going home soon!

Our first fundraiser of the year begins October 12th. We kick off this year selling the ever popular and delicious cinnamon buns! Help support our school and purchase a cinnamon bun for your-self, family and friends!

Happy October!

Norma Topping
Director



Important date to remember in October -

October 2

Fall Portraits - Lifetouch

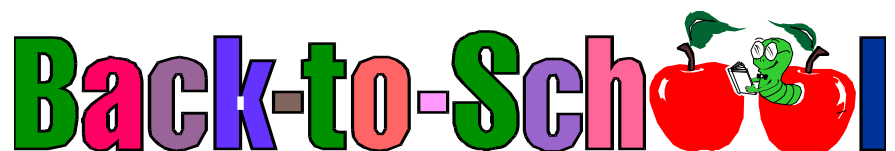
TERRIFIC TWO'S

School has finally arrived! The Terrific two's are adjusting to their new teachers and making new friends. We are doing a wonderful job kissing our parents good-bye at the door and coming into the classroom for a fun-filled day!

This month we are learning about the color yellow and we are trying to keep the bright yellow sun shining as much as possible. The shape this month is a circle. The children have participated in lots of fun activities learning about the color yellow and circle shape.

Our class is looking forward to October and all the fun of fall and Halloween. We are planning a nature walk to see if we can actually watch leaves falling from the trees. Our shape for October will be a rectangle and our color of the month will be orange.

Mrs. Chandra Washington-Palmer
Ms. Ruth Glass



THRILLING THREE'S



"Apple green, apple red.

An apple fell upon my head. Ouch!"

September in our class means one thing, APPLES! We've counted, sorted, and tasted them. We made apple prints and yummy applesauce! We even made a hand-print apple tree.

We look at and read many books in our class, but our favorite story so far has to be "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus". We've read it several times and the children never grow tired of it. The teachers either for that matter!

The children are trying to learn the nursery rhyme "Jack and Jill". Jack and Jill went in only two directions - up and down- but we've expanded on their adventures with an activity which focuses on positional words and movement. We've been up the ladder, down the slide, over the balance beam, under the tree, through the tunnel, next to the sandbox, and across the sidewalk to reach the pail. And all without a broken crown! I think that our year has gotten off to a wonderful start. Thanks for sharing your children with us.

October will bring a nature walk, painting with leaves, new shapes and colors, number 1-5 and of course Halloween!

Mrs. Michele Aravich

Mrs. Gail Carnes



MAGNIFICENT FOURS

The first month of school was an exciting one in the Magnificent Four's classroom. We've been busy making new friends, learning our class rules and getting back into the swing of things. We began our month with the story of "The Kissing Hand." It is about a young raccoon that is afraid to go to school because he will have to leave his mother. She reassures the raccoon that he will have fun and lets him in on a family secret. She spreads his hand and kisses his palm and tells him that now when he gets sad to look at his hand and she will always be with him. We traced our hands and colored them and talked about how we felt on the first day of school. We have also been very busy painting, coloring, and practicing our cutting skills.

Our literacy curriculum, "Doors to Discovery", has begun. The children have met Tabby Tiger and are excited to be discovering with him. We read, "My Big Day" and "Just Like me" and had our first show and tell. The class loved hearing about one another's favorite stuffed animal. The children were introduced to the letters H and A and the numbers 1 and 2.

We are very excited about the activities we have planned for October. We are looking forward to our very first field trip and many other fun activities. I cannot wait to see what the rest of the year has in store for us.

Mrs. Sarah Ramos

FANTASTIC FOURS

The first month of school was a busy one for our class. We have been learning our class rules, making new friends and learning new routines. We started our month by talking about apples. We painted with apples, had an apple tasting, and graphed our favorites. Our letters of the month were A and B. We have been working hard to learn the letter sounds, recognition, and how to write them. Our literacy curriculum, "Doors to Discovery" has started and the children have had a wonderful time learning new songs and listening to new stories. The children are excited about making new discoveries with Tabby Tiger and enjoyed reading "My Big Day".

Thank you for sharing your children with us and we are looking forward to an exciting and fun year!

Mrs. Nicole Kelly

Mrs. Kimberly Allen