



## October 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful visit with Helle Heckmann last week, she so enjoyed watching the children's play and she had a wealth of wisdom for us in making a good kindergarten program even better. We are very happy for her encouragement and support.

In our Morning Circle we have been visiting the farmer as he brought in the hay and harvested the wheat, which he threshed, then brought to the miller for grinding and finally to bake a harvest loaf. Ms. Katie is now leading our circle with a sweet "Little mouse."

The children saw a puppet show of the "Three Billy Goats Gruff." Now, in the spirit of the season, Ms. Katie is presenting a puppet show about a knight and a lady.

The Lunch children have been hearing stories from Ms. Sigrid's childhood about Nils Holgerson and a little boy named Emil. Both stories come from Sweden. Helle told the children that when she was a child, she saw Nils in the Forest in Sweden. She explained that only children can see him. There were some big eyes when the children heard that!

Parent Teacher Conferences are starting in October. Please look for a sign-up sheet by the door to the classroom. Mr. Lee will be sending you a parent conference questionnaire. Please print it and give it to one of the Teachers, thank you! This will help the us understand more about your child and help us prepare for the upcoming conferences.

Just as a quick reminder, children should wear sun hats every day in the morning and it is best to keep jewelry, toys, etc. at home. On Fridays, children can bring something to share from nature if they like. Also remember to sign your child in and out on the clip board outside of the classroom door.

We will be working on our lanterns in preparation for our Lantern walk on November 9<sup>th</sup>, from 4 to 6:00 pm, at Ms. Renee's farm in Meggitt.

We are so grateful to work with your children,

Ms. Sigrid, Ms. Katie



### **A Warm Welcome**

On behalf of the entire Acorn Family, we'd like to extend a warm welcome to Ms. Sigrid. While transitions can be bumpy, and embarking on a new chapter can be scary, we are so grateful that you made the leap. Please know that we're here to support you and make this as seamless a transition as possible.

With big hearts, we welcome you into our community and thank you for embracing our children as if they were your own.

XOXO

Zari, Erikka & Emily

The Acorn School PTA

### **Snacks**

A special thanks to all parents for sharing such wonderful produce. The preparation of our daily snack is an essential “practical activity” of our program and this helps make it happen. Eventually, our hope is our garden boxes will be able to provide most of the food for our snacks.





## Upcoming Events

- On Thursday, October 17, 6:30 to 7:30 we will hold our first parent evening. This is an opportunity to learn more about what your child does during the day. The meeting will also help you keep up to date on the many things that are going on in the school.
- On Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, school will be closed for parent-teacher conferences.
- On Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, we will celebrate Halloween in the classroom. We will carve a Jack o lantern, play pumpkin games, and sing Halloween songs. We will not get dressed up in costumes in the kindergarten, we will leave that for home in the evening.
- On Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our annual lantern walk and potluck dinner. This year it will be held at Ms. Renee's farm in Meggitt. It will begin at 4:00 and end around 6:00. Please plan on bringing a dish to share. More details to follow.

## Hurricane Dorian

For the fourth consecutive year we have missed a week of school due to bad weather. Dorian left behind several challenges with the trees on the playground. Here are some photos documenting the event.





## Children at Play

“Although it is highly necessary that each person should be fully awake in later life, the child must be allowed to remain as long as possible in the peaceful, dreamlike condition of pictorial imagination in which his early years of life are passed. For if we allow his organism to grow strong in this non-intellectual way, he will rightly develop in later life the intellectuality needed in the world today. “

-Rudolf Steiner, A Modern Art of Education.

