

## News from Kindergarten!

October 28, 2007

Dear Families,

The Halloween Parade will be at 10:30 am on Wednesday. Please come watch if you can, it's a lot of fun!

The Drumlin Farm Field Trip will be Thursday morning. Please plan to drive your kindergartner to school early that day, so we can get a good start on our exciting trip to the Native American site! We will be going no matter what the weather, so please dress your child accordingly. It can be quite cool and windy up on the Drumlin.

In Phonemic Awareness we are learning about rhyming words - how to tell if two words rhyme and how to generate a word that will rhyme with a given word. Phonemic awareness skills or the ability to "play" with the sounds in words are the base for all other reading skills.

In Writing Workshop kindergartners have looked over all the stories in their folders, selected their favorite, "fixed it up", and shared it with a friend. Fixing up a story included adding more details to the picture and adding (more) writing. This week we will begin to talk about small moments stories and then begin to write stories with three pages.

In Science Workshop we went outside to observe and draw pictures of some of the fall trees on the plaza. We did this on a beautiful summer-like day and just in time before the rain and wind began to bring down the leaves! We also had an apple tasting test with the help of our wonderful volunteers. Kindergartners brainstormed a list of words that could be used to describe apples, sampled five varieties of apples, and then recorded their favorite on a Graph Club graph.

Spanish update from Mrs. Seddon: Please go to the school website, [www.carlisle.mec.edu](http://www.carlisle.mec.edu), click on "Curriculum and Resources" and in the pull-down menu, click on "Student Resource Links." Now, click on "Elementary

Spanish." You will see a calendar with each grade's assignments. Find your grade and click on each assignment. Have fun!

**Art update from Mrs. Hoff:** Kindergartners will be introduced to sculpture, which is a 3-dimensional artwork in the round. They will also study facial expressions and use this knowledge to create their own pumpkins out of paper bags, tempera paint, pipe cleaners, and a variety of different papers.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Chandler