



# OMPH School Scene

## Preschool Learning



In our Preschool classroom, students learn about the world around them through an integrated approach. Last week our theme was Apples. The theme was central to many of our learning experiences throughout the week. Religion, Science, Social Studies, Math, Literature, Music, and Art were incorporated into the lessons. Students listened to stories and sang songs about apples and discussed the beautiful season of fall and how God made all things.

They also learned about Johnny Appleseed and how apples grow from seeds and are picked from trees when they are ripe. In

addition, students made apple collages with squares, as a culminating activity for the shape they learned about in the month of September. The students predicted which color apple they thought tasted the best and test-tasted red, green and yellow apples to see if their prediction was correct. This activity reinforced their knowledge of the five senses, which was our theme the first week of school. The students loved crunching the apples and using their sense of hearing, as well as tasting them and using their sense of taste. Some words they used to describe the apples were crunchy, sweet, sour, delicious, and yummy! We discussed how we do not always like the same things and that it is okay to be different. In addition, the students graphed their favorite apple by putting their name on a post-it note under a red, yellow, or green apple, reinforcing name and color recognition. This activity shows that, at a young age, students can learn an elementary level skill in a simple, integrated way and build upon that skill as they progress through the grades.



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## Celebrating Johnny Appleseed Day

Our youngest students enjoyed learning about apples as they celebrated Johnny Appleseed Day! Kindergarten wore special hats as they learned songs, created apples with pipe cleaners and taste tested apple pie. Homemade applesauce was enjoyed by our First Grade chefs. A fun time was had by all!



## Young Scientists Explore Buoyancy

Second Grade students studied the concept of buoyancy in a recent STEM lesson. Working in teams, the students created rafts using slices of apples and toothpicks. Each team tested their raft to see if it would float, made design adjustments and retested until they achieved success!

