

# Notes from St. Anna's Room



October 2009



What a busy month we've had! The whole class has been so excited to experience the many changes that October brings. Our first snow fall of the year was particularly exciting for everyone.

This month we've been learning all about farms. We built a big red barn and determined which of our animals might live in a barn and which do not. We "churned" some fresh butter by shaking heavy cream in a jar, and planted pumpkin seeds while discussing the parable of the sower (Mark 4). Our classroom walls are quickly becoming covered with scarecrows, sheep, and newly hatched chicks.

And who could forget our field trip to Drumlin Farm?! Everyone had a great time seeing a real working farm. It was especially fun to take a hay ride and pet a rooster!

This month, we learned about the letters D, E, F, and G. We practice our letter of the week each day by making "airplane letters" with our fingers and fun sound effects—try asking your child how to make the letters we've been learning! It's been so great to see students becoming more familiar with letters and their sounds.

During the month of November, we'll be learning about America and our ancestry. Kids love to learn about their heritage, so please feel free to send in any interesting artifacts or simple recipes for your child to share. We'll also have a special visitor from France coming to teach our students some fun new words!

We learned many new songs in our classroom this month, such as:

- *Old MacDonald had a farm...*
- *B-I-N-G-O*
- *How much is that doggie in the window?*
- *Five green and speckled frogs*

Some of our favorite books this month were *Click, Clack, Moo* by Doreen Cronin and *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey.

I'm so excited to keep learning with your child and to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via the school email ([theophanyschool5@yahoo.com](mailto:theophanyschool5@yahoo.com)).

Joy and Blessings,  
Miss Emily

## Reminders:

- No school Wednesday, 11/11, for Veteran's Day
- No school 11/25-11/27 for Thanksgiving

## Wish List:

- Hand soap refills
- Special artifacts from your areas of heritage