

St. George Classroom News

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In our classroom this month...

What a wonderful group of friends we have in our class this year. We have settled in with ease and are already playing cooperatively, (building towers together, completing puzzles, and counting apples). We have also been Searching for the Cross like St. Helen. One friend hides the wooden cross that we made from popsicle sticks and then another friend gets to try to find it while everyone takes turns giving clues. Vasilis' clue for Koko was "it is in something Red." This has been a great way for us to practice using descriptive language. Soon we will be visiting the Apple Orchard. We will also be baking with apples, printing with apples, and looking for apples in icons...

Ask your child...

Who has apples in his icon? What did he do?
See if they remember St. Euphrosynos, the cook.

Books we love...

This month the kids enjoyed reading *A Was Once an Apple Pie* by Edward Lear. *The Boy a Kitchen and His Cave* by Catherine K. Contopoulos was my favorite. It is a beautifully illustrated story of the life of St. Euphrosynos.

Try this at home:

In the car, at the dinner table, or while waiting in long lines, play "I spy" with your child. Pick an object that you see close by, describe it to your child "I spy with my little eye, something that is...red, octagonal, and has letters on it." Let your child guess until he gets it right. You can give additional clues after each guess. Then let your child pick something to describe for you to guess. Using language in this way allows children to build vocabulary, think about spatial relationships (what is it next to or near), and helps them to be more confident when speaking for themselves.

Dates to remember:

Apple Picking Field Trip - **Friday 9/23**
Class Pictures – **Wednesday 9/28**, and
Classroom Curriculum Night, **Wednesday 10/5**



Wish List:

Over the next couple of months we will be creating projects with **baby food jars**, as well as **large and small white paper plates**. If you could bring some in to share it would be greatly appreciated.

Looking Ahead:

In **October** we will be observing **creepy crawly creatures**; building spider webs, creating click bugs, and singing songs about snakes. If you have any books about this topic please feel free to bring them in to share with our class.