Behind the Scenes

So much happens behind the scenes here at Oak Grove. While our children are building pink towers, trinomial cubes, building confidence and independence (essentially, building themselves), a different kind of work constantly churns on. The staff, the board of trustees, and the parent volunteers all work tirelessly.

The Annual Meeting on Wednesday night was an opportunity to acknowledge this work and this unbelievable effort that takes place surreptitiously. It was a chance to publicly thank all of the teachers and staff for their efforts and all their extra hours of planning and reading they do for our children.

It was also a time to share with our community information about our Board of Trustees- who they are and some of the work that they have been focusing on, including goals for the upcoming years. And also, a time to acknowledge and thank them. We also welcomed four new members to the board. The current Board of Trustee is: Joe Smey, Ken Johnson, John Toedt, Dede Delaney, Sue Angelides, Rich Brody, Kristin Burrello, Mick DiGrazia, Mike Gnazzo, Kelly Mabry, Chris McNaboe, Laurene Palmer and Steven Zickmann.

Our school has a rich history of behind the scenes work. We have been working hard and developing relationships for over 34 years. So many people have given their time, expertise and resources to make this school what it is today. I am so grateful for this.

With Winter Coming...

Here is a friendly reminder to everyone about bad weather and snow days procedures.

- If Mansfield Schools are closed, we are closed.
- If Mansfield has a delay of any kind, we start at 9:30 and there is no before school care.
- If Mansfield closes early, we will close at 12:30 and there will no aftercare program.
- If there is an emergency exclusive to Oak Grove, you will be notified via our Alert Now service and receive a call on your cell, home and/or an email with an explanation.

Lower Elementary Classroom

Spread Out and Very Focused
News from the 3-6 Room

Fall has finally arrived and the weather is cooling off. It’s time to make sure that your child has the appropriate clothing for going outside (sweatshirts, light jackets etc), as well as for indoors. Each child has a bin which is located in the bathroom that holds their spare clothing. It is a good time to replace the shorts inside those bins with more appropriate clothing such as long pants etc.

We have been practicing lots of hand washing. A big thank you to our school nurse Miss Jo Ann for giving each child a hand washing lesson. In this cold season, it is so important for all of us to make sure that we are doing our best to avoid further spread of germs! Wash your hands!

A reminder to try not to over pack your child’s lunch or snack. Remember that a few healthy choices for lunch allow your child to not become too overwhelmed. For snack, please pack just one healthy choice. The children have about 10 minutes for snack during our morning work time.

We will continue with our study of the Bird and the Leaf through the end of October. This week our kindergarteners had a group lesson and learned how to do the 45 Lay out! We had a lot of fun. Starting this week and throughout the remainder of the school year, a few students from the 9-12 classroom will come into our classroom to allow the readers of our class to practice their reading skills with them. Everyone seemed to enjoy the one-on-one with an older friend!

Save the date. We are going on a field trip! On Wednesday, October 29th our class will be going to Riverview Farms in Glastonbury, CT. Chaperons are needed for this event. I will put a signup sheet outside our classroom on the bulletin board. Please indicate how many children you can take in addition to your own. I will give you more information about this trip in the next couple of days.

Happy Fall,
Miss Robyn, Miss Miranda, and Miss Emily
Greetings from After Care! We have been spending plenty of time outside, playing in the leaves, investigating the fruit on our trees and the mysterious seed pods of the Touch-Me-Nots and simply enjoying each other.

We begin each day by having a community snack where we sit in a circle, eat snack and chit chat. It’s so nice to see the big kids helping the little ones. Please remember that we do not provide snack. We have a snack basket inside the door of the aftercare room where afternoon snacks can be placed.

Our After Care Program will be a continuation of the Montessori experience, the children will have responsibility and take ownership of their environment. We also have done some special projects; we’ve made wooden dinosaurs, harvested tomatoes, played disc golf and created Bittersweet vine baskets, crowns and necklaces. Such fun!

Happy Fall!
Miranda and Emily.

Hibernation Festival
Sunday October 26th  12-4pm