

# SPEAKIN' ABOUT BEACON

## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

OUR STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY PARADE ON NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>. THE KIDS HAD A GREAT TIME AND TO TOP IT OFF WE WON A \$15.00 PRIZE FOR OUR BANNER! THANKS TO LYN JUSTIS AND DEBBIE DIXON FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

MEMBERS OF OUR CLIMATE COMMITTEE BEGAN PLANNING FOR OUR ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> FROM 9:00-12:00. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND ARE \$5.00 EACH. CHILDREN 3 AND UNDER WILL BE FREE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 594-3539. THIS IS OUR BIGGEST FUND RAISING EVENT OF THE YEAR AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THERE!

THANKSGIVING BREAK WILL BE FROM NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> – NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>. CLASSES WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>.



BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING!

BECKY MARTIN

## UPCOMING EVENTS

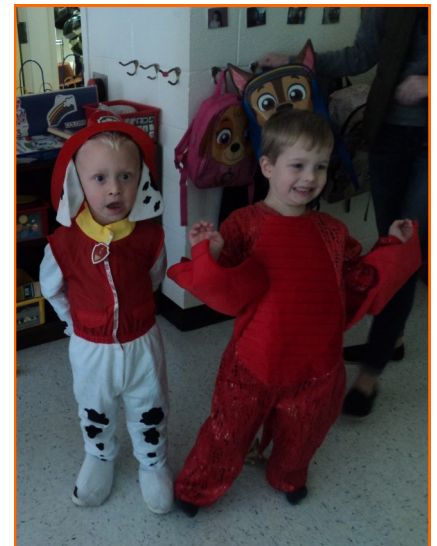
- ◆ NOVEMBER 23-25—NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING BREAK
- ◆ DECEMBER 10—BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!
- ◆ DECEMBER 16—BEACON SINGERS HOLIDAY CONCERT @ 10AM
- ◆ DECEMBER 20—END OF SECOND GRADING PERIOD
- ◆ DECEMBER 21—JANUARY 3—WINTER BREAK



# PRESCHOOL



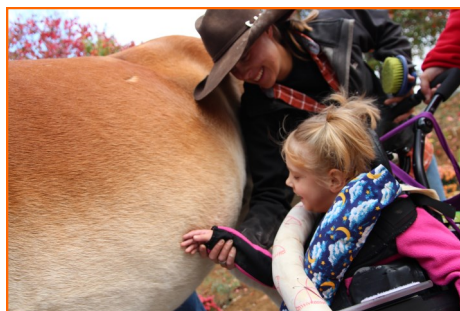
PRESCHOOL HAS BEEN VERY BUSY! WE HAD A GREAT TIME DRESSING UP IN OUR COSTUMES FOR HALLOWEEN. WE WENT TRICK OR TREATING AROUND TO THE OTHER CLASSROOMS. WE THEN HAD A PARTY IN THE GYM. WE HAD THE HORSES FROM HOCKING COLLEGE VISIT OUR SCHOOL. THE PRESCHOOLERS HAD A GREAT TIME LEARNING ABOUT HORSES. THEY LOVED SEEING AND PETTING LIGHTENING AND SONNY. WE ARE GETTING READY FOR THANKSGIVING BY LEARNING ABOUT THE PILGRIMS AND THE INDIANS. IN OUR SCIENCE AREA WE ARE TRYING TO GROW A PINEAPPLE. WE ALSO ARE GROWING AN ALLIGATOR AND MEASURING IT EACH DAY TO SEE HOW LONG IT GETS.





# PRIMARY I

IN NOVEMBER THE PRIMARY CLASS ATTENDED THE VETERAN'S DAY PARADE. WE ENJOYED WATCHING THE PARADE WITH THE MANY BANDS, SOLDIERS AND FLOATS. AS THE YEAR PROGRESSES, THE STUDENTS CONTINUE TO BE BUSY LEARNING THE LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET, BEGINNING SOUNDS, LETTER FORMATION, AND SPELLING WORDS. AGAIN THIS YEAR STUDENTS ARE ENJOYING A WEEKLY ART CLASS LEAD BY THE RESIDENT ARTIST. THEY ARE LEARNING TO FORM SHAPES, LINES AND FOLLOW STEP BY STEP DIRECTION TO CREATE ART PROJECTS DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING. WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE EVERY STUDENT MAKING PROGRESS AS THE YEAR PROGRESSES, AND WILL CONTINUE TO HELP EVERYONE MEET THEIR GOALS.





# PRIMARY II



PRIMARY 2 IS DOING GREAT AS THE END OF THE FIRST SEMESTER QUICKLY APPROACHES. WE HAVE CONTINUED OUR REVIEW OF THE ALPHABET AND COUNTING, AND HAVE BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT AS INDIVIDUALS WITH ANSWERING QUESTIONS AND COMPLETING TASKS! AS A CLASS, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ENJOY CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS, LIVE HEALTHY APPALACHIA, THERAPY HORSES, AND THE VETERAN'S DAY PARADE. PRIMARY 2 HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT WHAT WE ARE THANKFUL FOR AS THANKSGIVING APPROACHES. WE WILL BE HAVING A PRIMARY 2 THANKSGIVING "DINNER" FOR LUNCH TO ENJOY A NICE MEAL AS A CLASS BEFORE OUR THANKSGIVING BREAK. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



# INTERMEDIATE I



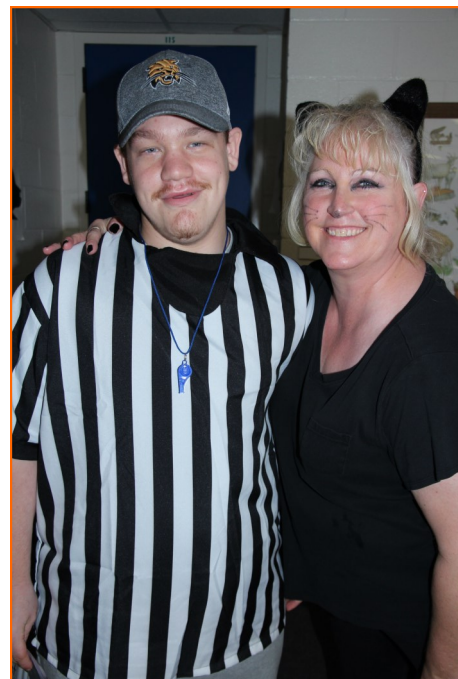
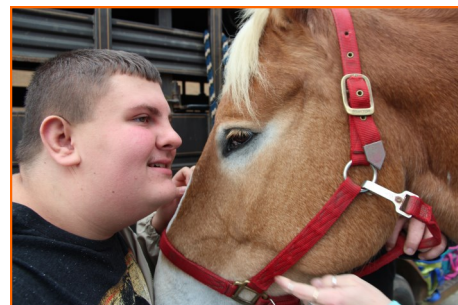
THE INTERMEDIATE ONE CLASS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE ATHENS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO LEARN PROPER HAND WASHING SKILLS. THE STUDENTS GOT TO PUT PRETEND GERMS ON THEIR HANDS, AND LOOK AT THEM UNDER A BLUE LIGHT. ONCE THE STUDENTS WASHED THEIR HANDS, THEY PUT THEM BACK UNDER THE BLUE LIGHT TO SEE HOW WELL THEY HAD DONE WASHING THEIR HANDS. THE STUDENTS GOT REALLY EXCITED AND HAD A GOOD TIME WITH THEIR EXPERIMENTS. OUR CLASSROOM ALSO RECEIVED A "THANK YOU" NOTE FROM THE ATHENS FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE FIREFIGHTERS HUNG OUR STUDENTS' PAINTED PICTURES UP IN THEIR FIRE HOUSE. THE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT THE WEATHER, SEASONS, IDENTIFYING COINS, COUNTING MONEY AND LEARNING HOW TO STAY IN THEIR OWN PERSONAL SPACE. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BACK PACK NIGHTLY. HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY.





# INTERMEDIATE II

INTERMEDIATE II HAS BEEN ENJOYING ALL THE NEW THINGS WE HAVE BEEN DOING. SCIENCE FRIDAYS HAVE BEEN A HUGE SUCCESS. WE HAVE ENJOYED EXPLORING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SOLIDS, LIQUIDS AND GASSES. THIS MEANS MAKING STICKY MESSSES AND EXPLODING THINGS. WE ADDED MENTOS TO DIET COKE AND WATCHED AS IT SHOT INTO THE AIR. THEY LOVED THAT! WE ARE BECOMING EXPERTS AT READING THE WEATHER AND MAKING PREDICTIONS. DID YOU KNOW THAT GEORGE COWLING GAVE THE FIRST WEATHER FORECAST WHILE BEING TELEVISED IN FRONT OF THE MAP IN 1954. IT STARTED A STORM OF REPORTING TO FOLLOW!





# YOUNG ADULT

THE YOUNG ADULT CLASS HAS BEEN ENJOYING THEIR SECOND QUARTER ACTIVITIES IN THEIR WORK BINS. OUR CLASSROOM HAS STARTED A NEW CLASSROOM STYLE OF LEARNING THIS YEAR CALLED CENTERS. MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAYS, OUR YOUNG ADULTS BREAK UP INTO THREE GROUPS AND TRAVEL TO THREE DIFFERENT CENTERS. THE STUDENTS ARE AT EACH CENTER FOR 15 MINUTES EACH. THEY WORK ON CALENDAR SKILLS IN THE LEISURE AREA, THEY REVIEW SKILLS THEY HAVE ALREADY LEARNED IN THE BIN AREA, AND THEY LEARN NEW SKILLS AND IEP GOALS FROM ME IN THE TEACHER AREA. IN THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, IT WAS A LITTLE HARD TRANSITIONING TO EACH AREA, BUT NOW OUR YOUNG ADULTS HAVE IT DOWN! WE HAVE SEEN A GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN THEM RETAINING THEIR SKILLS, IMPROVING IN THEIR WRITING AND TELLING TIME SKILLS! GREAT JOB YOUNG ADULTS, WE WILL KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK FOR YOU GUYS NEXT QUARTER TOO!



# SPEECH

THIS MONTH IN SPEECH WE HAVE ENJOYED TALKING ABOUT THE HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS THAT HAVE OCCURRED AND THAT ARE COMING SOON! THE STUDENTS CONTINUE TO DO WELL WITH THEIR SCHEDULES AND I AM REALLY STARTING TO SEE A LOT OF PROGRESS ON SPEECH GOALS!! HERE IS A FUN FACT FOR THE MONTH: DID YOU KNOW THAT BECAUSE THE STRUCTURES USED FOR SPEAKING ARE THE SAME STRUCTURES USED FOR CHEWING AND SWALLOWING, A SPEECH THERAPIST/SLP CAN ALSO TREAT VARIOUS FEEDING AND SWALLOWING DISORDERS (OFTEN REFERRED TO AS DYSPHAGIA)? THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME CAUSES OF FEEDING AND SWALLOWING DISORDERS IN CHILDREN:

- NERVOUS SYSTEM DISORDERS (E.G., CEREBRAL PALSY, MENINGITIS, ENCEPHALOPATHY)
- GASTROINTESTINAL CONDITIONS (E.G., REFLUX, "SHORT GUT" SYNDROME)
- PREMATURITY AND/OR LOW BIRTH WEIGHT
- HEART DISEASE
- CLEFT LIP AND/OR PALATE
- AUTISM
- HEAD AND NECK ABNORMALITIES
- MUSCLE WEAKNESS IN THE FACE AND NECK
- RESPIRATORY DIFFICULTIES

# NURSE'S NOTE

IT SEEMS GERMS HAVE FOUND THEIR WAY INTO MANY OF OUR HOMES.

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO FOLLOW OUR COMMUNICABLE DISEASE POLICY, AND KEEP YOUR CHILDREN HOME, IF THEY ARE SICK. THIS INCLUDES FEVER OF 100.0 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT OR HIGHER, VOMITING OR DIARRHEA, AND BODILY FLUIDS THAT ARE NOT EASILY CONTAINED; COUGHING, SNEEZING, AND NASAL DRAINAGE, TO NAME A FEW. THIS HELPS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE ILLNESS AND KEEP STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FAMILY MEMBERS HEALTHY AND SAFE. WASHING HANDS REGULARLY WITH SOAP AND WARM WATER IS THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT TO SPREAD OF GERMS! LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO STAY HEALTHY FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON!



# ART

PETE IS BACK AT BEACON A LITTLE WORSE FOR WEAR. SO WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON MAKING SOME REPAIRS. ONCE THESE REPAIRS ARE MADE, WE WILL HAVE THE YOUNG ADULT CLASS TOUCH UP HIS PAINT. HE WILL BE GOOD AS NEW AND READY FOR MORE TRAVELING.

IN THE NEW YEAR WE WILL BE READING AND DRAWING THE CHARACTERS FROM MO WILLEMS BOOKS ABOUT PIGEON, GERALD AND PIGGIE. THESE ARE EASY READERS AND EASY TO DRAW FIGURES. THESE BOOKS WOULD BE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND ADDITIONS TO YOUR HOME LIBRARIES.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL AND A SPECIAL WISH FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BARBARA ERY, RESIDENT ARTIST