



## Armadillo News September 2018

### **Dates to Remember:**

**-Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** are Picture Days.

You will be notified which day your child will have his or her individual picture taken. A class picture will be taken on both days.

**-Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**- School closed in observance of Columbus Day.

**-Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**- Pumpkin Patch Day at TCW

### **Thank You to:**

-Mikaela's family for the delicious birthday treats.

-All who were able to join us at Back to School Night and especially to our room parents Anna Visi and Wendy Bock for providing the snacks.

### **Reminders:**

-If you have not yet done so, please send in a family photo, as over the next few weeks we will be creating a Family Photo Album for the classroom.

### **CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS**

Over the past few weeks the Armadillo class has been bustling with the sounds of children learning about each other and becoming accustomed to our new classroom community. At circle time they enjoyed many games intended to allow the children to practice taking turns and listening to each other and to familiarize them with the names of their classmates. It has been a joy to watch as they rediscover old friends and warmly embrace new friends. It is easy to be inspired by their openness, their interest and their enthusiasm for all the activities available each day. Our first theme, Ocean was a great hit. We are confident that our next theme, All About Me, will be as much fun!

### **ACTIVITIES & SKILLS**

The Armadillo children have had many opportunities to practice their coloring, cutting and gluing skills, decorating our bulletin board with coral, seaweed and rainbow fish and creating sand art and beach boxes.

In the book nook children have been reading many books about the ocean and then reenacting stories using the sea creature puppets they made at the art table. At the writing table children worked on the first of many entries in their classroom journals, drawing pictures of what they might see in the ocean or what they enjoy most about the ocean.

On the playground, the children have enjoyed the beautiful summer weather, while digging in the sand box, practicing pumping on the swings and playing games of chase and tag. And now they are noticing the change of seasons as the leaves are starting to cover the ground and the weather is becoming cooler.

### **FAVORITE STORIES & SONGS**

**Don't Eat the Teacher by Nick Ward**

**Fidgety Fish by Ruth Galloway**

**Mister Seahorse by Eric Carle**

We've been Waiting for You  
Pirate Song