



## Armadillo News September 2019

### **Dates to Remember:**

Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>,  
school closed for Yom  
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Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>  
and Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> -  
Picture Days

Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>,  
Pumpkin Patch Day

### **Thank You To:**

Maizie's family and  
Ethan's family for the  
yummy birthday treats.

The TPO for the  
thoughtful welcome back  
treats.

All the families who  
were able to attend Back  
to School Night, and  
especially to Julie Norton  
for providing snacks for  
the evening

### **CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS:**

Our school year is off to a great start! During these first few weeks your children worked tirelessly to learn our routines and manage classroom expectations, while meeting new friends and getting reacquainted with old friends. Playing name games and having group discussions at circle, sharing toys during free play, chatting at snack and participating during mystery friend are just a few examples of activities your children have been enjoying while acclimating to their new classroom. We have truly enjoyed these moments of getting to know your child and look forward to lots more discovery and learning as the year goes on.

### **ACTIVITIES & SKILLS:**

The Armadillos began our school year with an Ocean theme. Many children brought in shells they had collected over the summer to share at our science table. Using magnifying glasses, they looked closely at the shells, noticing beautiful designs, barnacles and other fascinating aspects of their summer treasures. They listened to the ocean sounds, weighed and measured and even used shells to trace or copy when writing in their journals.

At the art table, they cut, glued, stapled and painted to make octopus and jellyfish. They built aquariums and beaches, incorporating fish and other sea animals into their structures in the block area and learned to play the card game Go Fish.

### **FAVORITE STORIES and SONGS**

- Sea Shells, Crabs and Sea Stars by Christiane Kump Tibbitts
- A House For Hermit Crab by Eric Carle
- It's Hard Being Five by Jamie Lee Curtis
- The Me I Am by Jack Prelutsky

The Pirate Song, sung by Bev Bos

