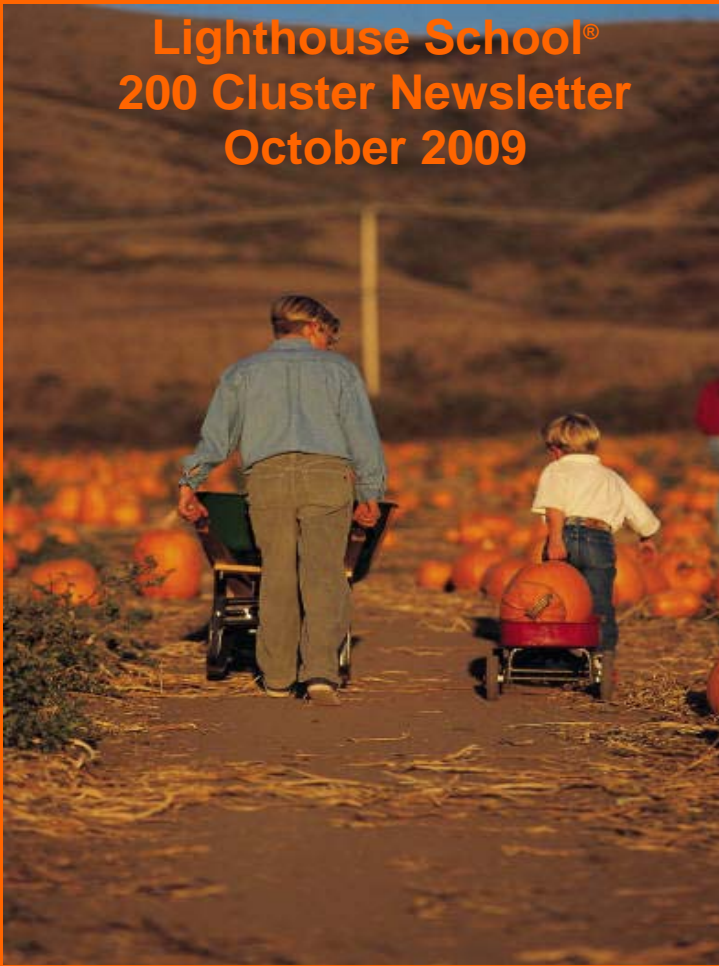


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Notes from the Homeroom:

HAPPY AUTUMN! Our time seems to be flying at Lighthouse School. A lot has happened this month. From October 5th through the 20th, grades 4, 5 and 6 students from New Hampshire experienced NECAP Testing. Academically in Math, some students have been introduced to multi-digit multiplication and division with remainders. Others have worked on money skills, telling time and counting. These skills have all been practiced not only on paper, but through math games.

In Science the formation of the earth has been the central focus. Activities to enhance the understanding of the different types of soil included layering, using different food items, planting seeds using different types of soil and making rock jewelry.

The English Language Arts emphasis included functional sight words, expanding vocabulary and sentence structure. While Health and Wellness continues to encourage the children to follow thorough and frequent hand washing, eating a healthy assortment of foods, getting plenty of rest and exercising adequately. We are also giving the children plenty of opportunities to have fun while learning.

Social learning is as important to success as academic learning. The greatest cognitive growth occurs through social interactions within the Lighthouse School supportive community. During our Fall Fair, kids were provided the opportunity to practice social skills, predominantly cooperation, responsibility, empathy and regulation, as they moved about inside and outside playing games, making crafts, waiting in line for authentic cotton candy, popcorn and apple cider. The petting zoo was the highlight of the fair. Two miniature horses named "Lacy" and "Jewel" bedazzled children with red, orange, purple and yellow ribbons and leaves intertwined throughout their tails. Also included in the petting area was a black and white duck called "Charlie," a red chicken with feathers sticking out all over its feet, a black and white spotted hen, a Netherlands dwarf rabbit and some very well behaved goats with impeccable manners. The children's enthusiasm was infectious as they socialized with the animals' caretaker and spoke to the animals in gentle tones. On exhibit at the fair were amazingly decorated pumpkins which represented each homeroom's choice of a favorite book, poem or movie. The unique one of a kind masterpieces were the representation of a week long cooperative effort entitled the great "Pumpkin Challenge."

Upcoming events include our annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Turkey Trot.

Remember to turn your clocks back. Have a safe and happy month.