

SEPTEMBER ISSUE



We are well on our way to another great school year at St. Peter Academy!

I want to thank all the parents and guardians who were able to attend our Back to School BBQ, as well as our Curriculum Night. Both events were well-attended. These events build a strong school-home partnership and we recognize you as vital members of your child's educational team. As we progress through the school year, remember that we value your input and support.

As the weather begins to change, it is important that students come to school prepared for outdoor recess. We will continue to get the students outside for fresh air, exercise, and play. Please help us by ensuring that children have the proper outdoor gear.

After such a great start to the 2024-2025 school year, I look forward to partnering with you as we work together to build another successful year at St. Peter Academy.

Andrius Dilba
Chief Educational Officer



Here at SPA, we are so lucky to have such incredible families and community members that contribute to the success of our classrooms. Amazon Wishlists can be found by clicking the below links. Thank you for your help in keeping our classrooms fun and engaging!



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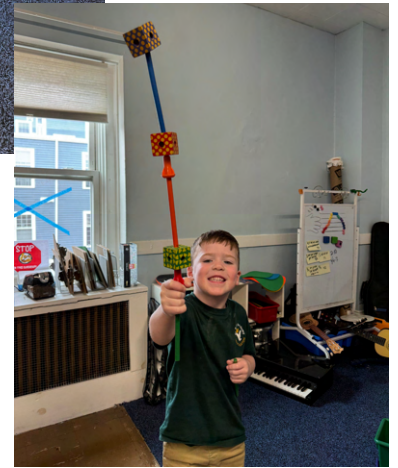


ART/STEM & MUSIC Dr. Joseph

The beginning of the year in the Music/Art/STEM classroom has been full of intense creativity.

Our toddlers have already sung around 80 different songs in the first month alone! They are all beginning to find their voices and to keep a steady beat on their legs. In STEM, the toddlers have been preparing for our upcoming trip to Connors Farm in Danvers by talking about the parts of apples, taking apples apart, peeling apples, and we even baked apple pie for our beginning of the year BBQ!

In the Elementary Academy, we have been shaking off the dust from the Summer by singing, dancing, and even composing some excellent music. In Art, we are in our drawing unit, working with shapes and straight lines to draw dinosaurs, fruit, dogs, and everything in between. In STEM, we have been exploring how to use recycled materials to build something new, delightful, and sometimes even useful! I cannot wait to dive into painting and problem-solving in October!



AFTERSCHOOL

Ms. Brittney

Welcome back to School! Extended day has been enjoying all the new toys and craft supplies that were donated to us from our wishlist on Amazon. Thank you to everyone who donated! On the first day of school the kids enjoyed making a back to school handprint art craft. Another favorite craft we did was a simple apple coffee filter craft that results in some beautiful apple artwork through a process called chromatography. Now, we are looking forward to an October full of pumpkin smiles.

TODDLER GREEN

Ms. Suzana, Ms. Elvira,
Ms. Christina & Ms. Katiusca

Welcome to our September newsletter! This month, our toddlers have been busy exploring the wonderful world of apples. From tasting different varieties to engaging in fun apple-themed activities, it's been an exciting journey of discovery and learning.

Highlights of Our Apple Adventures: **Apple Tasting Party:** We kicked off the month with an apple tasting party. The children sampled red, green, and yellow apples, and we discussed the different tastes and textures during STEM classes. It was a delicious way to start our apple exploration!

Apple Art Projects: Our little artists created beautiful apple prints using cut apples and paint. They also made paper plate apples, which helped develop their fine motor skills. The classroom is now decorated with their colorful apple art!

Apple Orchard Role Play: The classroom was transformed into a mini apple orchard. The children enjoyed picking pretend apples and sorting them by color and size. This activity encouraged cooperative play and problem-solving skills.

Upcoming Events: **Apple Picking Field Trip:** We are planning a field trip to a local farm. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to see where apples come from and pick their own. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our classroom activities. We look forward to more fun and learning in the coming months!



TODDLER BLUE

Ms. G & Ms. Kay

Toddler Blue has been having such a wonderful September. We have a new classroom full of amazing friends ready to learn and grow. We've been learning all about apples! We've been painting with apples and sorting apples. Our friends even made their own apples and labeled their different parts! They have been doing a great job learning our routines & schedules. They've also done very well lining up and filing quietly in the hall for recess time. Our new friends have been adjusting so well, I can't wait to see what next month will bring.



TRANSITION

Ms. Francine & Ms. Gina

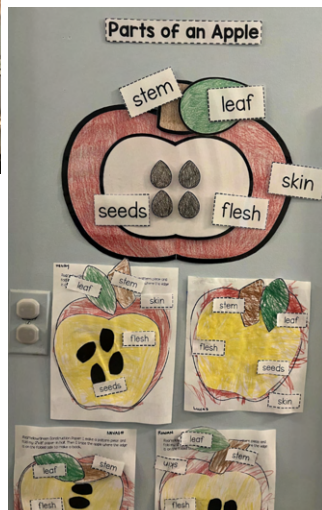
Toddler Transitions is full speed ahead and ready for our School Year 2024/2025 with 9 students! Welcome to Our Classroom with Myself & Miss Gina and an amazing group of students. The children have been enjoying their time with their friends old and new, and get more excited each day as they work together and learn their daily routines, affirmations, poems, songs, likes and dislikes, and morning circle. Outside time has been on our side for neighborhood walks, park days, playground time, running, jumping and our bubble machine. The sound of laughter soothes the soul and fills the air! The children are having fun exploring apples in the classroom as well as with Dr. Joe in STEM. They helped make apple pies as well as painted an apple tree and painted with apples. Transitions will be jumping into Owl Unit #1 "Friends & Family." We have added some great new books and fun activities! This is going to be such a fun-filled awesome year ahead! Please stay tuned for our Coolkid Adventures. Be Kind, Smiles are Free!



PREK

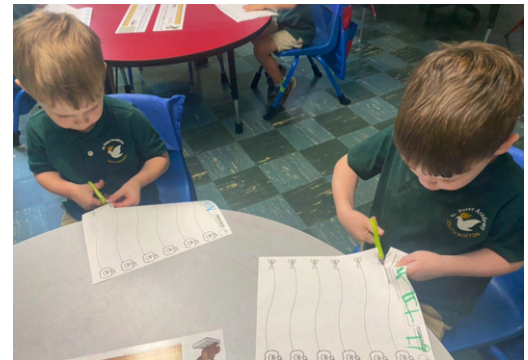
Ms. Carmen

It was "All About Apples" in Pre-K! We learned about the Life Cycle of an Apple, how an apple turns from a seed to a fruit. Then we learned the Parts of an Apple. They are skin, flesh, seeds, stem, & leaves. Our favorite part was Stem with Dr. Joe where we got to taste and talk about different kinds of apples, their taste, texture, & color, and which one we like the most. September was fun and full of apples in Pre-K.



KI Mrs. Stewart

KI had a busy but fun first month of school. We have been busy getting to know each other, learning each other's names, learning the rules and routines of the classroom, and navigating how to get around the school building. I am so proud of KI for walking single file silently while in the hallways while staying on the right side. The children enjoy coming in each morning and learning what job that has been assigned to them. Our jobs are line leader, caboose, teacher helper, weather person, and calendar person. The children have been working on strengthening their fine motor skills while cutting with scissors, using a proper pincer grip when holding a pencil, and tweezers to sort objects. In Eureka Math, we are learning to sort objects by attributes (color, shape, size) and to count objects up to 3. In CKLA, the children are continuing to learn about their bodies and body parts. They labeled the parts of a face and are now learning how parts of our bodies are used to help us. Our ears, eyes, nose, mouth/tongue, and hands are used as our 5 Senses. In Foundations, we have learned up to letter E. The children are learning how to print their letters properly on the line, what a consonant is, what a vowel is, and that each letter makes a sound. We had our very first fire drill and the children evacuated the building quickly and quietly in a safe manner. Our first field trip to the South Boston Public Library was a great success!! The children enjoyed story time with Ms. Dani, riding the MBTA bus, and checking out 2 books with their new library cards. KI is looking forward to learning about apples and going on a field trip to the Apple Orchard.



K2/I Mrs. Hesek

We took time to find out why, The Pigeon HAS to go to school!

1. Our search had us able to identify the main character-The Pigeon
2. We then came across a problem-he did not want to go to school because it was scary and unknown
3. Our close reading gave us new vocabulary-fragile, stress, experts
4. We figured out a solution to the problem-a school bus made him feel Happy.

We made our own Pigeon and wrote about our favorite part of the story. Our class is so talented that we also took a bunch of scrambled up pictures and retold them in the correct order! This along with memorizing a new school poem kept us on our toes this month.

GRADE 2

Ms. Dixon

Welcome back for the 2024-25 school year! We are so excited to be back for a year of learning and fun! We have been working hard on our school routines and rules, getting to know our classmates, and finding ways to remain focused during learning times. We have reviewed how to write and draw in our best craft, identifying complete & incomplete sentences, and adding details to our writing to make it more interesting. In Math, we have reviewed shapes, telling time, and addition/subtraction. During Reading, we have been working on phonics skills such as long/short vowels and vowel teams, as well as lots of readalouds! We will soon be adding on new Second Grade skills in all core areas to help our brains grow! We had our first library trip of many this school year and made some awesome book choices! We are eagerly awaiting our next library trip! Additionally, we are making great strides with following first time directions, being kind, helping others, and having quiet transitions to earn compliments. When we earn enough compliments, we get a smiley to add to the jar to earn a class prize. We are well on our way there!



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GRADE 3/4

Mr. Martinko

The Best Grade 3 and Grade 4 Ever reports it has been busy and happy starting out this fantastic school year. The school year started with students' families stocking the classroom up with plenty of wipes, paper towels, and hand sanitizer. The first weeks in Room 202 included a lot of community building and orientation activities. This was especially important as one Grade 3 and 2 Grade 4 students, as well as the Grade 3/Grade 4 Teacher (Mr. Martinko) are new to St. Peter Academy. Morning Meeting has become an integral start of Room 202's day. For one part, students greet each other with hellos from all over the world. The Room 202 crew are getting better and better at classroom routines and procedures and getting a lot of compliments for the compliment jar.

Laptops have been assigned and updated. The iReady Diagnostic Tests for Reading and Math have been completed. A great keyboard app was discovered to thrill the students while they become better at inputting data. The BG3AG4E crew adopted core values to help them complete the journeys this year to Grade 4 and Grade 5.

Room 202 and Room 201 (Ms. Dixon's) Grade 2 class take recesses up the street at the "Spiderman" Park between Gold and West 5th Streets. Students have the choice of participating in creative swing activities, competitive kickball, world class soccer games, or showing their skills and dexterity on the playground structures.

On September 23rd, the class walked on a beautiful day to the South Boston Public Library and had a wonderful time picking out books, getting new library cards and using old ones. All are looking forward to returning books and getting new ones in a week or two.