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What's New

LANTERN WALK

**Thursday, November 9th
starting at 5:00pm**

(Rain Date November 13)

The lantern walk is a revival of an old **Martinmas** tradition. Saint Martin of Tours is known as the deeply religious man who shared his Roman Army cloak with a beggar.

"As the days grow shorter and stars appear early, the light of man wants to shine out into the darkening world."

**NO SCHOOL
Friday, Nov 10th
Veteran's Day**

Parent Teacher Conversations

I can offer to meet Monday, October 23rd, during the school day, for 20 minute check ins. If a Monday does not work for you, please do not be shy about asking for an alternative time. If you feel that 20 minutes is not long enough, let me know. These conferences will be held at Ivy's house on Old Jaffrey Road in Peterborough.

The Cobbler

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Dear Parents

We have been so blessed with beautiful play, hardworking house building, and blossoming friendships. Your children are so loving and creative. I feel so lucky to be right in the midst of their activity. We have some high activity children, a couple who come in and take care of a baby or two, many house builders, and these days we also have a steady sewing circle. There are one or two children, who we try to keep busy so they will not have to resort to mischief, and then some who need to be busy or they will remember how funny it feels to be so far from mom. At rest time there are new combinations of children lying close and whispering together. There are true buddies greeting each other with joy, or working together quietly on the play meadow. Today at outdoor time there was a pair that I have never seen together, wandering about and trying out this bench and that hill, sitting and holding hands. We took down the big house in the meadow for Michalemas, but I knew the building would continue. Today we had two groups hauling big logs and balancing sand pies, organizing their kitchens, trying to build walls and decorating houses. There is always someone ready to help set the table or grind applesauce.

Our kindergarteners stand up so tall next to youngest children: remembering the older ones as little I realize again how short this time of great smallness is.

Thank you for letting us experiences your children and all the gifts they bring.

Lorien Silas and his parents have decided that he will wait and start school at another time. Hopefully we will hear from him, and some of our children this year will certainly see him and pass along some love from Cobb Meadow.

Michalemas was so beautiful! We have wonderful families at Cobb Meadow, and the weather usually sends us a picture perfect day. To crown the day with wonder, one of the butterflies came out of her chrysalis as children were arriving, and she flew up and around while we were enjoying the delicious potluck offerings. The cider was creamy and delicious and the chopping and cranking help was never ending and enthusiastic. I was so happy to have the tiny siblings and the chubby siblings and the great tall older siblings.

*Thank you all so very much,
Anne*



Upcoming Workshops!

Look on the bulletin board for details about upcoming workshops. Suzanne Down's Thursday, October 12th workshop will be very fun, even if you've never considered yourself a storyteller or a crafty person. Her lecture with Nancy Mellon on Friday night the 13th and the two day workshop following at Pine Hill Child Care Center at Conval HS over the weekend, will be fascinating- the two women are so very articulate and knowledgeable and see the world with loving wit. I will attend Kim John Payne's talk Simplicity parenting on October 27th, at the Monadnock Waldorf School, and I know that I will see some Cobb Meadow parents there; it would be fun to see many of you there.

Color

We have a leaf press and will press leaves as the color comes to the trees. If you go for a walk and want to send some leaves in, that would be wonderful. We will dip them in beeswax later in the month.



Hair and Clothing Dilemmas

There are often children who refuse to let parents put woolies on them, or braids or barrettes in their hair. Often it is easier for teachers to make this fun for your child, and we are more than happy to help. I will keep small hair elastics on hand, and if you can not get a warm layer on your child at home, it may be that we will be able to help them on with it by outdoor time at school.

Stitching, Stitching, Pulling Through

We have begun sewing on pouches that we will keep at school. We will take these with us when we venture down to the woods, and we find a treasure that needs to be shown around at home, or brought up to our nature table. These pouches will go home with your child toward the end of the year, but not yet.

Crispy Almonds

We will have crispy almonds for sale soon. Crispy almonds will sell for \$5 a half pound bag. We will have so much fun packaging and weighing them!! Thank you to Beth and Eduard, Emil's parents, for the donation of the nuts. Crispy almonds are delicious and nutritious! This is a fundraiser for our own school, to pay for our valuable snack items. A little protein goes a long way with the little children.

Enchanted Eats

If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook that supports the Monadnock Waldorf School, let me know. I will leave one on the cubbies. This is a fundraiser for that school.

You can check: www.cobbmeadowsschool.org for info and downloads.

Wish List

Indian Corn- 12 ears

*Corn stalks for
out door play*

*Someone to stitch up
some pillow cases*

Hair elastics

*Embroidery floss,
various colors*

*1 or 2 large stainless
bowls*

*A medium sized
hanging planter-I
have the plant*

*Several child-size
rakes*