

From the Speech Room

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Westbridge! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. The start of the school year is always an exciting time for new beginnings and fresh starts. In speech we are reviewing goals from last year and adding new ones. We are setting up their speech folders and talking about expectations. I always try and make speech class an enjoyable experience by incorporating games and fun activities to reach our speech goals. Please talk to your children about the importance of coming to speech as part of their learning plan here at Westbridge. At home I encourage you to find ways to enhance language skills at home. Ask your children to speak in sentences, do not accept one word answers all the time. Encourage reading time every day!! We have a wonderful reading teacher here this year who will be working with many of our students to become accomplished readers. Take some time to enjoy outside activities with your children. Plan walks and park outings instead of video games and television. I look forward to a wonderful speech year!



THEMES/UNITS

1. Getting to Know You – activities about getting to know each other.
2. Apples – games and activities about where and how apples grow.
3. Making friends – How to meet and make new friends.

Things to do at Home

1. Take a walk around your house and collect leaves.
2. Go to a local orchard to apple pick.
3. Spend an afternoon after school at the local library.
4. Make some applesauce or apple pie with the apples you picked.
5. Have a planned play date for your child.

Suggested Vocabulary

1. Autumn
2. Seasons
3. Friendship
4. Orchard
5. Goals

BOOKS

1. Back to School Rules by Laura Friedman
2. First Day Jitters by Julie Danneberg
3. Splat the Cat Back to School by Rob Scotton
4. If You Take a Mouse to School by Laura Nuncroft
5. If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School Don't by Elise Parsley



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