



# News ABOUT Our Precious Lambs

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This week our theme was Harvest. We went to the pumpkin farm on Monday. Despite some chilly wind we enjoyed a great hay ride, pumpkin patch hunt, corn shucking, animal feeding and playing. On the way over to the farm we were able to see some combines working in the fields harvesting corn. It is a busy time of year for our area farmers as they work to harvest the crops before winter sets in.

In our classroom we were able to look at some different types of seeds that are harvested. We could look at various plants under the microscope to see what they looked like really close up. We learned how much we really depend on the harvest and the land that is used to feed us.

Our letter for the week was the letter "A". We learned that the letter "A" has two different sounds it can make. We talked about its short and long sounds. We saw how different words used "A" in different ways. Some of us have the letter "A" in our names. We went on a "A" hunt in our room when our helper for the day hid "A"s all over the room. We were also able to dig for things that started with the letter "A" in our sensory box. Some of the things were so small that we really had to dig! The 4/5 year olds started working on their alphabet books. The letter page for "A" was ants. They made ants with their finger prints. It was fun looking at our finger prints with a magnifying glass and realizing how God made each of us as individuals with no two being the same. Next week the 4/5's will be bring home a binder to collect their letter pages in as they come home. Other years we have collected the pages at school until the book was done but, this year we will be sending them home so the children can enjoy looking at their book develop throughout the year. If the 3 yr. olds choose to they may also work on the letter page for the week.

For our craft, some of us made a picture of 5 little pumpkins sitting on a gate. We also had the chance to make a pumpkin puppet. We were able to practice our cutting skills and proper hold of a scissors.

Name recognition in our classroom continues on. We are placing the names of the children around the room and they are able to find their names. We are getting better and better at identifying our own names.

