## All Around AES

The (mostly) weekly newsletter from AES

Our mission: Exceptional instruction without exception

October 7, 2015

## Calendar



Oct 7 Grade 1 to Topsfield Fair sponsored by the Charles E. Larner Family Foundation

Oct 20 Kindergarten to Applecrest 9:00 – 11:30

Oct 21 PRT Early Dismissal 1:00 pm no afternoon Pre-K

## All the News

The first grade classrooms of Su Kimball and Becky Reese made applesauce last week. The fragrant experience was made even more fun because without the apple mill that was used on the farm, the apple bits had to be squished and squashed by hand; something first graders really had fun doing. The apple slices had been prepared beforehand, but the children could see all of the steps involved as the firm ripe apples became the mash we know as applesauce, and boy was it delicious!

Sheila Harney's 4th graders in room D have been watering the garden that is just outside their door every day that it doesn't rain. They have been taking ownership of our school garden by being independently collaborative as they share the work of taking care of the vegetables, and picking them when ripe, all the while demonstrating leadership through building responsibility. They love going out every day, and seeing the changes, which will be even more dramatic after we see our first frost.

Several students from room D have also been supporting the Pre-K from 8:23 - 8:45, by helping them with puzzles, talking with them, and in doing so, freeing PreK teacher MaryAnn Dower to do other things....like helping her three year olds hang up their backpacks and wash their hands,. The kids are really embracing this, and look forward to it each morning!