



## Scholastic Book Fair and Open House



This September we once again held our annual Scholastic Book Fair. Students from all three schools on the Wallingford High Road/BEST Academy campus had the opportunity to visit the book fair and the students were very excited about choosing their own books.



In conjunction with the book fair, we also held our Open House event, allowing parents to come visit the school, see the classrooms and talk with staff. We had a great turn out and students were excited to show their families where they work and learn each day. We would like to thank all the parents, students, and staff that participated.

## Pumpkin Patch



BEST Academy did a lot of gardening this year. We had our garden in the Wallingford Community garden where we successfully grew squash, cucumbers, and more. We also planted some pumpkins on the side of the school that have been growing larger all month. Students have enjoyed walking past them each day to check on their progress. Look for some pumpkin related activities in our "5 senses" unit for science this month!



## Our September Science Unit

Each Month our school will be introducing a new school wide theme for science and social studies curriculum. In September, BEST students learned about the weather. Lessons were tailored to the ability of the students and included concepts such as functional living skills related to weather, such as what do we wear when it is cold outside, as well as classroom discussions about different kinds of weather and experiments or demonstrations showing how rain works. Students enjoyed the hands-on experiences involved in the lessons. In October, the theme of the curriculum is the five senses and how we use them.



Students dressed paper dolls in weather appropriate clothes for the seasons.

## Welcome Ms. Kerri Albers!



This fall, BEST Academy welcomed the new "Orange Room" teacher, Ms. Kerri Albers. Ms. Albers has been in the field of education for 7 years. She came to us from Long Island and only moved to Connecticut this year. She has adjusted well to her new home state and is loving the fall foliage and festivals.

Ms. Albers received her Master's degree in Literacy from Touro College. She has been very busy building relationships with all of her students and has made an excellent addition to the BEST Academy team.

## Transition's New Space



BEST Academy has done some growing! The Transition classroom has officially moved to our previous site on Village Lane (behind our current school home). They are now closer to the production room where they can continue to work on their vocational skills. They are also next door to the school's indoor gym area. You can see they are already enjoying themselves in their new learning and work-spaces!

