



Our Kindergarten Classroom News

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Looking Back

Wow! What a great first month of Kindergarten. In September, we've been learning how to follow rules and routines as we took the big step into the world of "school". We've made new friends, had new learning adventures, and we are practicing being independent.

Reminders

- ❖ Please check your child's backpack regularly for school work, library books and important notes in your child's zippered bag. Please empty the zippered bags and return them back to school.
- ❖ We will continue to go outside regularly as the weather gets cooler. Please ensure your child has appropriate outside attire, which includes hats and mitts. Consider dressing in layers.
- ❖ Be sure to label your child's water bottle, and outdoor wear. This will help to minimize lost items.
- ❖ We will be collecting food for the Food Bank this year. Please send in a non-perishable item if your family is able to donate. We will use these items for some numeracy lessons on counting and sorting!
- ❖ Our classroom Halloween Party will be on Tuesday October 31st. Dress your child prior to school, and no weapons please.

Important Dates

October 2 - No School

October 6 - No Kindergarten

October 7 - No Kindergarten

October 9 - Thanksgiving
Day/No School

October 13 - No Kindergarten

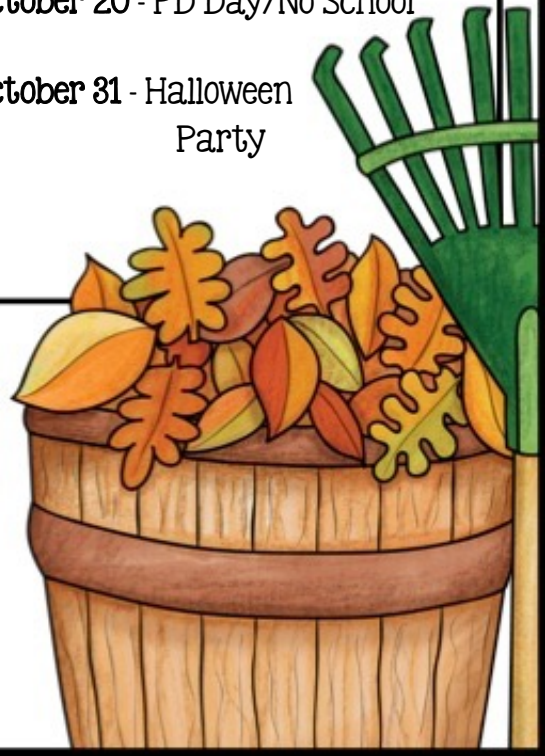
October 19 - School Council
Meeting 6PM

October 20 - PD Day/No School

October 31 - Halloween
Party

Star Student

Star Student will be starting this month. Please return your 'Star Student' sheet and watch the calendar for your child's week. Star students in October are **Julia A., Brynslil, Adam, Emma, Marlow, and Sophia.**



Our Learning

Themes: Fall, Thanksgiving, and Halloween



Numeracy: We will continue to count items with one to one correspondence and sort items by color, size, and shape. We will begin to identify, reproduce, and extend patterns in our table centers. Students will become aware of patterns in their environment, as well as in stories, songs and dances.

Literacy - We will continue to learn the letters of the alphabet and their sounds with the Animated Literacy program. Look in your child's zippered bags each week for character puppets. This month we will be focusing on the letters Dd, Tt, Ss, Rr, Hh, Jj, and Kk. Through Thanksgiving and Halloween themes, we will enjoy stories, songs, and poems that encourage rhyming, literacy, and language development.

Physical Skills & Well Being: We will continue with routines, expectations, and how to follow directions in the classroom and in the hallways. We will be developing our social skills by practicing kindness, cooperation and sharing. We will encourage children to talk about ideas, experiences, and familiar events, as well as express their feelings in a variety of ways.

We will be doing fun activities with pumpkins at the end of October. If you would like to donate a pumpkin to our classroom please contact me.

Parent Involvement

Now that your child is entering a new learning environment, we hope you will be involved in their education. There is so much you can practice at home. Here are a few suggestions that you can do:

- Daily reading time. Ask your child to recall events from the story.
- Practice printing their name with one capital and the rest lowercase.
- Practice using a proper pencil grip.
- Practice their cutting skills and making crafts.
- Practicing their alphabet letters and sounds. Ask your child the Animated Literacy character names, sounds and to show you their actions.

❖ **Send reading logs back to school once all of the pictures are colored in and your child can choose an item from the Treasure Box!**