



Preschool News- October

Dates to remember this month:

- October 3- Teacher workday no school for students
- October 11- Parents of Preschoolers Pumpkin Patch 10:30-12:30
- October 16- Parent/Teacher conferences 4:00 pm-8:00 pm
- October 17- Parent/Teacher conferences 6:00 pm-7:30pm No School for students
- October 31- Book Character Day (more information following below in our newsletter and in a letter home in a few weeks)

Our Month in Review!

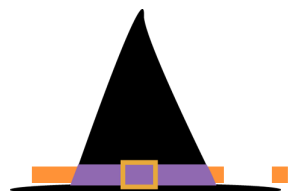
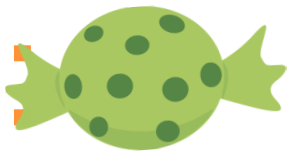
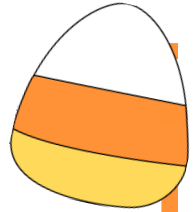
We began the month of September by talking about self awareness. We learned about the color of our eyes and hair, if we are a boy or girl, how tall we are and what makes us special! Last week, we talked about our five senses.

Mystery Bag:

I will be sending home the Mystery Bag starting next week. The Mystery Bag is a vinyl lunch type bag. Your child will take this bag home approximately once every month. When your child gets the Mystery Bag please help him/her choose ONE item (examples- something that is meaningful to them, something they found outside, something they like to do, etc). Put the item in the mystery bag, complete the "clue" paper enclosed, and send it back to school the next day. Please don't send anything that is breakable or living. During our sharing time your child will "read" with support from the teacher, the three clues about what they have in the bag. *** The children really look forward to being the recipient of the Mystery Bag.***

Super Star:

Along with our mystery bag, your child will also be coming home with a super star poster once this year. When it is your child's turn, they will bring home a bag with directions and a poster. Please help your child to complete the poster and bring it in on the due date (listed on the directions). Typically our super star will be chosen on Thursdays and will be presented on the following Monday or Tuesday. The poster will then be hung up in our room for about a week, before it will be returned to you and your family.



Letter Schedule:

September 30–October 2: Letter T

October 7–10: Letter I

October 14–16: Letter R

October 21–24: Letter B

October 28–31: Letter F



Coming up in October!

This month we will be learning about families, apples, keeping our bodies healthy, fall, spiders, pumpkins, and leaves! What a busy month!

Book Character Party:

A quick note about Halloween– Instead of celebrating Halloween at school, we celebrate Book Character Day. Book Character Day celebrates books that share positive values and or lessons. The children are asked to choose a book that fits into this theme. On Book Character Day, Oct. 31, the children dress up as one of the characters from the book they have chosen (example: a child might choose to dress up as a monkey and bring the book *Curious George*). We still follow school rules even for this event, and we do not allow weapons of any kind. Please help your child pick an appropriate, and not a scary costume. The children should bring the book they have chosen to school. Your preschooler should wear their costume to school. We will have our Book Character party following our school parade and we will be sending home more information about this when the date gets closer.



Daily Start and End times:

I also wanted to remind everyone about start and end times. Our morning class is from 8:45–11:45 and our afternoon class is from 12:45–3:40. Late arrivals can be disruptive to the activities that have already begun. Late pick-ups can not only be stressful for your child, but teachers have other responsibilities with other parents and staff after class. We understand that occasionally things come up, but please make every effort to arrive on time before and after school. If your child is not picked up before 11:55 (AM) and 3:50 (PM) they will be walked down to the office where they will need to be picked up. Thank you.

Have a wonderful month! Please let me know if you have any questions!

Kaitlyn Pettigrew

