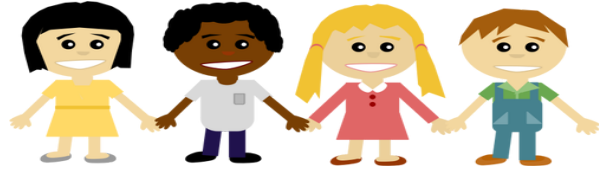


# Happy October Preschool Families

**Thank you for sharing your special children with us!**

Thank you for all of the donations of paper towels, and Playdoh!

## September Review:



The children have been busy this **September!** For some, this was their first month of school ever; and for others, they have returned, and eagerly stepped up into leadership roles in the classroom. We are very impressed by all of our preschoolers' efforts and their transition into our classroom!

This past month we began to introduce our classroom both indoors and outside. We learned about the various sections of our classroom. Our carpet, where we hold **Morning Meeting** as well as **Circle Time** and **Read Alouds**. Our **Library**, a comfy spot to relax on our "Big Dog" and possibly cuddle with "Chester" a raccoon from The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn or "Brown Bear" a bear from Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Eric Carle. **Outside**, we explored the "climber", sandbox, nature table, teeter totter, and playhouse; and we learned about safety, healthy exercise, and parts of our body that help us to balance.

Additionally, some of our classroom centers were introduced. We encouraged our preschoolers to explore the **Math Center, Playdoh Center, Library, Block Center, Puzzle Center and Art Center**. We will continue to open more centers through October. The children were encouraged daily to select centers to work in during **Planning Time**, and then they were encouraged to **"Review"** their work in each center as we have begun collaboratively, to develop language in a whole group setting.

Not only were the preschoolers introduced to the classroom in **September**, but they were also introduced to one another, and to their teachers. We worked together to formulate our own **classroom rules**, including **safety in the classroom** as well as **kindness in the classroom**. We shared what was **special** to us including our **family members** and our **beautiful collages** that are decorating our classroom, and supporting our discovery of our own individual unique selves. Many moments have occurred throughout our day in which we and our new friends are sharing and discussing our collages. Thank you families for your hard work on these!

# Coming Up in October:



Throughout the month of **October** we will welcome **fall** into our classroom. We will consider the changes in our environment and begin to identify signs of the **fall** season occurring all around us. Preschoolers will expound upon their **five senses** using **apples** and **pumpkins** for exploration and discovery. We will consider our bodies and what body parts assist us in using our **five senses**. The children will be looking for signs of fall....so **YES we absolutely**



**encourage children to bring fall leaves into the classroom!** Additionally they may bring in small pumpkins, apples, or acorns to contribute to our science center. We will be learning about the **lifecycle of a tree** and we will be experimenting with building with logs in the block center. Additionally we are excited to discover and to learn about forest animals and their habitats in **October**. “Go **orange**”, as we enjoy and experiment with the color **orange in October**. **We look forward to seeing our preschoolers wear orange (and black too) to celebrate the Halloween Holiday in our classroom.** (details below)



# General Announcements:



1. We will continue to send resting blankets home with our full day students at the end of the week on either Thursday or Friday to be washed and returned the following week. We will send blankets home every other week to be washed and returned to school.
2. The weather will be getting cooler. Please remember to bring in a sweatshirt or a light jacket as we will continue to go outside each day. Thank you for sending in a change of shoes if your child comes to school in rain boots.
3. If you would like to update your child's change of clothes to accommodate for the change in season, you can send along, leggings, pants, sweat pants, long sleeved t-shirts, and we will return any shorts in your child's backpack.
4. There is **no school on Monday, October 14th** in observance of Columbus Day.



5. This year, **Halloween** is on **Thursday, October 31st**. We will have fun in school reading and singing special Halloween books and songs on **Thursday, October 31st** and then again on **Friday, November 1st**. We encourage children to wear either an **orange or black shirt or clothing to school both days**, 10/31 and 11/1. We will create a celebratory craft and have a healthy orange snack. Children are encouraged to send in a picture of themselves or to draw a picture of themselves in their **Halloween** costume, or you can email me a picture of them the week of 11/4-11/8 if they would like to share what they dressed up as for **Halloween**.



**Best Wishes for a Great October,**

Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Trombly

