



Creative Beginnings Parents,

We are very excited to switch to our Fall Harvest October theme! Our weekly themes will include "Farm Harvest", "Apple Orchards," "Trees and Leaves," "Pumpkins," and "Halloween"! We are always looking for more ways to make our classroom more festive for the season! If any families are able to donate any extra fall décor, such as real apples (red, green and yellow) it would help to create an even more enriching classroom environment and would be greatly appreciated! We could also use a few mini/medium/large pumpkins and a variety of gourds.



Classroom Reminders:

- Be sure to check your Tadpoles report daily, this is the best way to stay up to date with important communications from teachers during and after classes.
- Students should arrive in comfortable clothing that is easy for heading to the potty and closed toe school shoes that are appropriate for the classroom and play.
- Please be sure to email the school or mark an unexpected or planned absence in the Tadpoles "Drop Off Notes" if/when your child will not be attending class. It is important to include information regarding the reason a student will not be attending as DCFS requires us to keep documentation of all potential illness or communicable diseases. Keeping the school informed also helps us to pass on potential exposure information to other families in the classroom. If your child is sick, we ask all students to be symptom free for 48 hours before returning to class to ensure that we don't spread our germs.
- We wanted to extend a big thank you from our teachers, to our families, for continuing to use their pick-up tags and helping to create a secure process when releasing the students after class. Remember we have 2 options for pick up, you can park and walk up OR go around the school to utilize the pick-up line. When parking for pickup please note that the front 4 spots are reserved for families using the pickup line.





Classroom Reminders Continued:

- Remember to encourage students to put items in and out of his/her backpack themselves each day to promote independence and responsibility. We ask that toys and stuffed animals be left in your car as they can make this process difficult and frustrating for students. We are also asking for spare clothing to be put in the front pocket of their bags to leave lots of room for their papers and art work. **Don't forget to update your spare clothing to accommodate the colder weather.**

- Along the lines of independence, we ask all students to practice putting on their coats by themselves both at school and at home using the "Up an Over" technique. To practice this technique at home follow these steps:

- 1) Place coat on floor
- 2) Stand with toes at top of coat
- 3) Put arms in and flip over head
TA-DA!

- Don't forget to label all items so they do not get lost!

- Speech Services: If you were screened with Tiny Voice, and qualified for speech services, don't forget to follow up with Ms. Elizabeth ASAP so we can get her therapy schedule set up.

Halloween Celebrations!

- We love when families are able to join us in the classroom! Twice a year at Halloween and Christmas we shorten class so parents can come inside and party with us! Each of our parties are an hour long, and students **only** attend class during their scheduled party. We kindly ask that each student has at least one grown up join them for party days so no one is left out. Younger siblings are also welcome to attend the Halloween parties to enjoy the festivities with our students! We plan to send out a link for anyone who would like to donate items for the party later in the month. Please see the Halloween party schedule below for details and **note the special start and end times.**

	Jr's	Preschool	Preschool	Multi-Age	Pre-Kindergarten	Pre-Kindergarten
Class Time	Wed/Fr 9:00am class	Wed/Fr 9:15am class	Mon/Tu/Th 9:00am class	Mon/Tu/Th 9:15am class	Mon/Tu/Wed/Th 12:15pm class	Mon/Tu/Wed/Th 12:30pm class
Teacher	Ms. Kyra	Ms. Kristy	Ms. Kyra	Ms. Emily	Ms. Emily	Ms. Kristy
Date	Friday October 30 th	Friday October 30 th	Thursday October 29 th	Thursday October 29 th	Thursday October 29 th	Thursday October 29 th
Party Time	9:00am to 10:00am	10:30am to 11:30am	9:00am to 10:00am	10:30am to 11:30am	12:15pm to 1:15pm	1:30pm to 2:30pm

- Literacy club and Homeschool Social Group will have an early release at 2:00pm on Friday October 30th.





Upcoming Events!

Picture Day: October 14th : Jr's, Wed/Fr classes, Pre-K South and Pre-K North classes.

October 15th: Mon/Tue/Th and Multiage classes . All students will sit with the photographer and will have the opportunity to preview the photos before ordering online. Some pictures can be head to toe so don't forget to have coordinating shoes! 😊

Hearing and Vision Screenings: In October, we have our hearing and vision screenings for all students 3 and above. These screenings are required by the state of Illinois for any child enrolled in preschool. If your child has already been screened by an Optician or an Audiologist, you can provide documentation to the director to opt out of the screening. Documentation must be turned into the school by October 5th.

Each screening is \$10.00 per test. If you prefer to pay by check, please add the \$20 to your January tuition check. Parents also have the option to pay with Tadpoles with a small convenience fee of \$10.50 total per test.

Screening will take place during class on Tue. October 6th and Wed. October 7th.

Please fill out and return the attached Vision and Hearing Program Data Collection Form by October 5th. We will also have preprinted hard copies available at the school at drop off this week.

• **Trunk-Or-Treat:** Creative Beginnings will be hosting it's third annual **Trunk-Or-Treat** on October 22nd 4:30 -6:00pm! Come by to enjoy all the cool cars, treats, and games with friends and family and don't forget your costume! **We are also looking for volunteers** to decorate a car for the event. If you would like to sign up to decorate your vehicle, and hand out goodies, please contact Ms. Kristy. Each family that decorates a car will receive a special Creative Beginnings children's prize package!



• **Paint Your Pumpkin Pink!:** We will be doing a fundraiser in October for breast cancer awareness. At the end of the month, each student will be decorating a pumpkin with pink paint! Families will have the opportunity to "buy" their students pumpkin to take home. Pink pumpkins will be available for purchase during our Halloween parties. *There is no minimum to purchase your child's pumpkins and all proceeds will be going directly to two of our former CB families that are directly affected and are currently battling and other breast cancer charities.





After School Enrichment Programs

We will be offering a variety of after school enrichment programs throughout the year.

"Parents Night Out" - Date night for grownups and movie night for the kiddos!

- Friday October 2nd, 5-8pm for ages 3-8 years old.

Cost \$35 for the first student and \$30 per sibling that attends. Includes dinner! Older sibling are welcome to join the fun :)

"Fitness for Fun" - Movement and activity class!

- Tuesday October 13th, 3:05-4:00pm for ages 3-6 years old

Cost \$20 per student. Students who attend this day are welcome to stay straight through for a seamless transition to and from class.

"Colorful Creations" - Art class!

- Wednesday October 21st, 3:05-4:00pm for ages 3-6 years old

Cost \$20 per student. Students who attend this day are welcome to stay straight through for a seamless transition to and from class.

"Mini Mozart's" - Music class!

- Tuesday October 27th, 11:50-12:20pm for ages 3-6 years old.

Cost \$15 per student. Students who attend this day are welcome to stay straight through for a seamless transition to and from class.

Important Dates in October

October 1st- Tuition is due

October 2nd- Parent's Night Out 5:00-8:00pm

October 6th and 7th – Hearing and Vision Screenings

October 12th - **No School**- Columbus Day

October 13th – "Namaste Kids" yoga class

October 14th – Class Photos Jr's. and Wed/Fr and both Pre-K

October 15th – Class Photos Multiage and Mon/Tue/Th

October 21st – "Colorful Creations" art class

October 22nd - Trunk-Or-Treat 4:30-6:00pm

October 27th – "Mini Mozart" music class

October 29th- M/Tu/Th, Multiage and Pre-K Halloween parties

October 30th – Jr's, Wed/Fri Preschool, Homeschool Social and Literacy Club Halloween parties.

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