

Happy October! September flew by! The children are adjusting well and growing more independent every day. Some take longer to feel comfortable showing all their abilities, which is why we hold conferences in the winter rather than right away in the fall. In the meantime, if you have questions, please reach out, by text, Remind, email, or at pick-up. And rest assured, if there's ever an ongoing concern, I'll contact you.

**Pumpkin Walk:** We're excited to take part in the Pumpkin Walk at Woodland Trail again this year. The event is October 10 & 11 from 6–9 PM. This is a free family event with over a thousand glowing pumpkins lining the path, all donated by businesses, schools, clubs, and community members.

We'd love your help! If your family would like to donate a carved pumpkin for our Children's Garden display, please carve it on October 8 or 9 so it's fresh. Drop it off in the school entryway on Thursday, Oct. 9 or Friday, Oct. 10 (by II:30 AM Fri). We'll deliver them to the trail Friday at noon. Thank you for adding your creativity and be sure to visit the Pumpkin Walk that weekend to see our collection shining bright!

**Halloween Celebration:** We will celebrate Halloween in class on October 30 & 31. We incorporate Halloween/Pumpkin themed activities into our normal school day routine. Children are welcome to come to school in costumes for the celebration. It is always an exciting day at preschool!

What's New: This month, the dramatic play rotation center will become a Fall Garden Center filled with fall flowers, vases, small pumpkins and gourds, wheelbarrows, garden tools, and more! The sensory table will be filled with fabric leaves and fall manipulatives. I'll also be making a fresh batch of playdough that we'll use throughout the month.

Absences: If your child will miss class, please let me know via text, Remind, or email if possible. Thank you!

**School Pictures:** We will take school pictures in late fall or early winter. I will let you know once I have dates confirmed with the photographer. Thank you!

Dismissal: If you'd prefer to wait in your car during pick-up (for example, with younger siblings along or if mobility is a concern), I'll walk any remaining children to the doors at the end of pick-up time. Having once had five kids ages 7 and under myself, I completely understand that sometimes it's easier to stay in the car! Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

**Outside:** Please keep sending children with a jacket or sweatshirt. We try to get outside when we have extra time. Thanks!

As always, please reach out if you have any questions or need anything.

Thank you and have a great month!

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