

November



Hello Families! We hope you are having a great October and are looking forward to November. We have just a few announcements for the upcoming month. Thank you for taking time to read our monthly newsletters. We wish you a wonderful November! As always, please reach out if you need anything.

Halloween Reminder: We will celebrate Halloween in class on October 31st and November 1st. 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!

Pumpkin Walk: Thank you for donating pumpkins to our school's collection for the Minot Parks Pumpkin Walk. Our school had 29 AWESOME pumpkins on display! Wow!

School Picture Ordering: School pictures are ready! To view (or purchase) your child's picture, please follow the attached directions. If you choose to purchase, you will be downloading a high-quality digital picture that you can then crop, resize, and order prints. Each child has two photo choices, although they may not be next to each other in the gallery. If you have any questions or problems, please text Sara at 701-833-8980. Thanks! Also, you will receive a copy of your child's picture in the memory book you will get at the end of the year.

Days Off: School will be closed November 16-18 for teacher training. We are required to attend training each year to keep our preschool license. Thank you for understanding. We will also be closed November 24-25 for Thanksgiving break.

Thanksgiving: Our themes around Thanksgiving will be Families and Turkeys. We like celebrate with pumpkin pie and whipped cream for snack. We will have an allergen-friendly pumpkin pie/whip for those who need.

Winter Weather: Please be careful in the parking lot now that the winter weather is on the way, as it can get slippery. If your child comes to school with wet, snowy boots and you would like them to change, you are welcome to help them remove their boots and leave them on the black trays in the hallway. Also, this is a great time to help your child work on putting on/taking off their coats, hats & boots independently.

Book Orders: We will do one more book order before the winter break. Books make excellent stocking stuffers! If you are interested in participating in the upcoming book-order, please watch your child's backpack and Remind for more information.

What's New: We recently updated our dramatic play centers. Shaun's room switched from a Construction Site to a Beach & Camping theme. Sara's room is transitioning from a Garden Center to a Grocery Store. The sensory tables have recently had leaves/hand rakes and will get pom poms and Halloween items this week before switching to something new after Halloween.

How can you help at home? Most 3 – 5 year olds could benefit from additional fine motor activities (making movements with the small muscles in the hands/wrists). Here are 5 fun activities to try at home:

Thank you and have a great month!

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Fine Motor Activities:

1. Free Drawing (with ANYTHING!)
2. Snipping with Scissors
3. Watercolor Painting
4. Playing with Playdough
5. Manipulative Toys such as Puzzles, Legos or Blocks