



Happy Fall! We sailed right through the first month of school and are ready for October's fall beauty!

**Remind:** Thank you for joining the Remind messaging system. We had a few people report a code error when trying to join. If you have not been able to join Remind, please let us know and we can send you an invitation to join your child's class. Please let us know if you need any help.

**School Closed:** There will be No School October 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your Fall Break!

**Important Papers:** If you have papers or notes to turn in, please hand them to us at drop off or pick up time. The children pack their own mail and teachers don't usually have time to check backpacks each day. Thanks! Also, we are still waiting on some forms to be turned in for our files. The most common forms missing are the vaccination record & birth certificate. Please turn them in this week if you have not done so yet. Thank you!

**Book Orders:** Once the books have arrived and been sorted, we will put them in the hallway for pickup. Bags will be labeled with your child's name and sorted alphabetically. There will be a bag for each child – even if you did not place an order for books. Each child will receive a fall book from us as a gift. Please let us know if there are any problems with your order. Every order placed helps us earn free books and supplies for our classrooms! Thanks!

**School Pictures:** You will receive a free 4X6 proof of your child's school picture and will then be given the opportunity to purchase additional prints and photo packages. We will have the proof and order form to you soon! Class pictures will be in the memory books sent home at the end of the year. There will be a make-up/retake day scheduled soon.

**Halloween:** We will have Halloween/Fall celebrations on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Costumes are welcome at school! We believe that dressing up in costumes is a great form of self-expression so feel free to come in costume. No costume? No problem! We have a variety at school to choose from if you'd like. We do not have a set "party time" for holidays, but instead, incorporate Pumpkin/Fall themed activities into our normal routine. If you would like to volunteer to send a snack for our celebration, please let your child's teacher know. We will only need one volunteer per class. Thanks!

**Kindergarten Readiness Classes (Classes C, D, E, F):** We will work on the letters C – F this month. Our special event this month will be a visit from the Firefighters on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Other highlights include painting with Cloud paint, learning about fossils, making Green Eggs and Ham, and doing some fashion designing.

**Junior Preschool Classes (Classes A and B):** The children are getting more comfortable with the school routine and procedures each day! Now that we've worked on use of art tools, we'll move on to our Fall Season themes. This month we'll be talking about Apples, Leaves and Pumpkins. Highlights this month include apple tasting, a nature walk, sink or float science, pumpkin paint and more! The Firefighters will visit our classes on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Rotation:** What's new this month? In Shaun's room, the dramatic play rotation center will switch from a Beach/Camping theme to a Vet Clinic/Animal Hospital. The Sensory table will switch from pom-pom balls to colorful, plastic eggs – to sort, open, close, count, fill, etc.

In Sara's room, the dramatic play rotation center will switch from a Construction Site to a Grocery Store. The Sensory table will switch from pipe cleaners and colanders to colorful beads – to sort, count, organize, string, dump, etc.

Why do we have rotating dramatic play centers? "Dramatic play helps children explore different roles and situations as children play with items and tools adults use in everyday life. Role play also helps children learn about their community, their surrounding environment, and a variety of careers." –Kaplan article

**Payments:** ACH payments have started and will come out on the 10<sup>th</sup> (or closest business day following) each month. Please let us know if there are any problems. Thank you.

We wish you all a great October! Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!  
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