



BEST BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWS

NOVEMBER 2017



November is that quiet month tucked between the fun of Halloween and the frenzy of Christmas. It is a wonderful time to spend time with family, eat yummy traditional dishes and reflect on all the many blessings each of us enjoys. As we watched so much of the country impacted by storms and fires it reminds us to be truly grateful for all we were spared.

HALLOWEEN - Seeing all the families together at Pumpkin Carving night is such a treat. It was fun to have so many returning siblings to show off how much they have grown! All the children enjoyed their Halloween parties and looked very cute in their costumes. Thanks to all the parents who contributed on party day and also provided such yummy treats for the Carving Nights. We couldn't have pulled it off without all your help.

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS:

TUITION: Tuition is due by the 9th of the month. Please be mindful of the days your child attends class so your check is in our possession and ready to process on the 9th of the month. Patty, our accountant, makes her deposits on the next closest Tuesday or Thursday to the 9th. Tuition is considered late if we receive it on the 10th. There are 3 tuition boxes, one close to each entrance and one in the back hallway. If we do not have your check/cash by the 9th, please add a \$25.00 late fee to your deposit.

LATE PICK-UP: We keep a running log in the school office regarding late pick-ups. Everyone gets 5 minutes of grace **ONCE**, due to unforeseeable circumstances. However, once your name has gone up on the log sheet, future late pick-ups will be charged at a \$1.00/min as stated on page 4 of our Parent Handbook. You should be prepared to pay this amount at the time of pick-up.

ILLNESS: First, thank you to all the parents who have kept kids home with runny noses and bad coughs. Children this age are incredibly contagious making not only their classmates sick, but also their teachers. I know it is difficult to say no to a child who really wants to come to school but shouldn't. But, please for everyone's sake, use good parental judgment here and keep them home until they are feeling better.

STEPPING STONE WALL BY THE PLAYGROUND: Parents, if you could please not have your children climb on this wall it would be much appreciated. Some of the bricks were inadvertently moved over the summer and the stones aren't as stable as they once were. With just one child to help, you can hold your child's hand while they walk along it. Unfortunately, my teachers simply don't have enough hands to do this safely with 14 children during school time. If they think it is ok after school, then they will try it when they come off the playground as well. Thanks for helping us keep the kiddos safe!

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PARENT CORNER THOUGHTS - The children have been in school for 7 weeks and the teachers are starting to get a sense of the children's school personalities, their strengths and areas that they individually or as a class are struggling. Periodically I add a Parent Corner Attachment to the newsletter. The purpose of this is to give parents some insight to various issues surrounding the raising of children. Over the past few years, for reasons we don't fully understand, we along with other professionals, have seen an over-all decrease in certain skills. Specifically we have seen a decline in fine motor skills, focus, patience and self help skills. If we want our children to be successful in school and life, schools and parents need to work in tandem to help children master skills. Right now children spend the majority of their time at home. In our classrooms we address developing skills daily in many different ways. However, a few hours a week is insufficient to master a skill if it isn't also continually worked on at home. This month's **Parent Corner** attachment speaks to the developing skills we expect to see in children between the ages of 3-5. There is so much for them to learn, their brains and bodies are changing every day. Hopefully this attachment will shed some light on how important the school and home partnership is, in helping children master developing skills.

HOLIDAYS: Over the years our school has become more diverse in the population it serves. This diversity has opened up many doors for all of us to learn from one another and to share the unique and special celebrations that take place around the world. We invite families to share any customs or holidays that they celebrate through out the year with the children in their child's class. Christmas is a month long celebration in this country and though we know not everyone celebrates this holiday, we invite you to share in its message of hope and joy.

On Dec. 13/14 families are invited to the Sanctuary to enjoy Christmas Caroling by the children, followed by Father Jim's very interactive story of the Nativity.

Dec. 13 Wed. - 9:15 - 10:00 all MW 3's class (Lori, Joi, Corrine) and MWF 4's class (Paula)

Dec. 14 Thurs. - 9:15 - 10:00 TTH 3's (Lori) and the split class (Corrine) TTHFA (Joi)

Dec. 14 Thurs. - 12:15 - 1:00 MTTH pm 3's (Lori), TTHFB 4's class (Kerry), TK, MTTHF pm 4's (Karen)

SALLY GONE - I will be gone November 8 - 17. Stephanie and Kerry will be available to help parents on Monday, Wednesday. Patty will be in the office Tuesday & Thursday. School will be closed Friday, November 10th in observance of Veteran's Day.

IMPORTANT DATES:

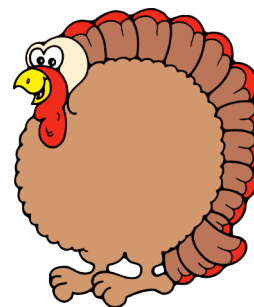
November 10: Veteran's Day - No School

November 13-15: Fours field trips

November 23 & 24: Thanksgiving - No School

December 16 - January 1: Holiday closure

January 2nd: Welcome Back to School



HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL.

Sally and Kerry