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## Best Beginnings Preschool Family Newsletter October 2019

Happy October! The children are settling into their class routine and making new friends. Thank you for attending your child's class curriculum meeting. I hope everyone found the meeting to be informative and helpful. There is a lot of learning that takes place throughout the school year. Working in partnership with you to help your child reach important milestones starts with learning about their school day and the goals we have for your child. If you ever have any questions or concerns about your child and their school day, please don't hesitate to contact their teacher. Be sure to take a walk down the halls as bats, spiders, and leaf man make their appearance this month. I wish everyone a wonderful October. ~Kerry

### TUITION INFORMATION

Tuition is due the first class day of the month. It is considered late on the 10th of the month. **Please remember to put your child's name on the memo line of your check.** If you are using Automatic Withdrawal it will be processed on the 5th of the month or on the closest business day to the 5th.

There are 2 mailboxes available to you for tuition drop-off. One is by the business office door and one in the north hallway by the Bulletin Board. If you are paying in cash, please have the correct amount.

We don't keep cash on site to make change.

If you are in need of receiving a tuition receipt for FSA please email the school with your name, your child's name and class.

The following are the tuition amounts for each class.

- 3's - 2 days - \$220
- 3's - 3 days - \$300
- PreK 4's - 3 days - \$350
- PreK 4's - 4 days - \$400
- PreK 4's pm - 4 days - \$350
- Transitional Kindergarten - \$400



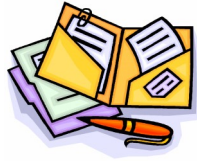
### SNACKS

Quick reminder regarding snack. As stated in the parent handbook, please remember that we really don't want **anything frosted** coming for snacks. Frosted anything is just too messy and too time consuming to clean up when dealing with 12-16 children. We appreciate your understanding regarding this matter.

### LATE PICK-UP

September was a month of grace for everyone. Now that you have had the opportunity to meet other parents, we are hopeful that you have found a friend who could watch your child on the playground should you find yourself running late. Beginning in October we will follow the procedures in the handbook regarding late pick-up. Traffic can always be a challenge throughout the school year so please allow enough time to return to school for pick-up. If you are running late, please call the school to let us know. Children tend to worry when parents aren't at pick up.

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## Updating Information

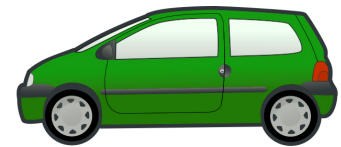
If you need to update information on forms such as address changes, cell or work phone changes, or alternate pick-up drivers, please put them in writing and give them to your child's teacher. If alternate drivers are not listed, please send a written note on the specific day. Legally we cannot release your child to a stranger or friend unless we have written permission from you to do so. If you know you are going to be out of town please be sure to inform your teacher in writing and in a timely manner prior to teachers assigning snack days on the following month's calendar.



Just a reminder that the handicap parking spots are for handicap permit parking only. Please only park in these spots if you have a handicap parking permit. There are other groups that use the church space and we need to keep those spots open for people who physically need to use the space. Thank you for respecting this policy.

## Student Dismissal

Parents, for the safety of all the children in the class please step forward and wave when you see your child at the front of the line. Some days there is more than one class dismissing at a time. Teachers do their best to recognize parents quickly but you can make this transition easier by stepping forward, waving and stepping out of the way for the next child to be dismissed.



## Parking Lot Safety

Parents, please keep a close eye on your children while in the parking lot. We want to keep everyone safe while at school. Please walk with your children and keep them close by. Children are small and hard to see when backing out of parking spaces.

## North and South Outer Doors

The weather is changing and our days are a bit more chilly. Please help us keep the warm air inside the building and refrain from propping open these outer doors.



## Pumpkin Carving Nights

One of our favorite events here at Best Beginnings is Pumpkin Carving Night. On your assigned night families come, carve a scooped out pumpkin and bring a healthy snack or treat to share. After a few songs we all enjoy the **Grand Unveiling** of the carved and lit pumpkins. Look for more information to come home closer to the actual event.

Pumpkin Carving Nights will happen on Tuesday, October 22nd and Wednesday, October 23rd from 6:30-7:30pm.

All 3's classes and Transitional Kindergarten will attend on Tuesday, October 22nd.

All PreK 4's classes will attend on Wednesday, October 23rd.

## Classroom Halloween Parties

Please check your child's class calendar for specific times and details regarding class Halloween parties.

### Class Party Dates

- 10/28 Lori
- 10/28 Corrine
- 10/29 Lori
- 10/29 Corrine
- 10/30 Karen
- 10/30 Francy
- 10/31 Stephanie
- 10/31 Marjorie
- 10/31 Janelle



## Monthly Happenings from Church of the Holy Cross



Is your pet a blessing? Does your pet need a blessing?

Father Jim and The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross invite you to attend St. Francis Day.

Bring your pet, a stuffed toy or even a picture of your pet to The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross on Sunday, October 6 at 10am.

We bless them all!





## HAPPY HAUNTINGS



Halloween will soon be here. What does that mean for a preschooler? Are they happy, excited, or a little scared? Preschoolers can fall anywhere along the continuum of those emotions.

A five-year old tends to be excited about the whole Halloween thing. They have figured out the candy angle and are a bit further along with the concept of “make believe”. Mostly they need to be reminded to slow down and say thank you.

A three-year old on the other hand can find this Halloween thing a bit unsettling. Sometimes they don't want to put on the cute costume you purchased; sometimes they don't want their face painted or tattooed. They don't yet always understand the difference between make believe and reality. Watching at preschool can be helpful in preparation the big night out.

The four-year old falls somewhere in the middle. Most are excited and can hardly wait to tell you all about their costume. Still others are a bit shy and are comfortable with the costume piece but not the face decorations. The week prior to Halloween we bring in the dress up clothes and let the children start to feel comfortable being someone else. Some children love this but for many it's a watch, wait and see attitude. And that is just fine (they all catch on soon enough).

The one nice thing about this holiday is that it belongs to the children and there isn't a right or wrong way for it to happen. If your child feels comfortable dressing up and playing a part for an evening of fun that is great. If not, put a coat on them and let them go anyway. We'll practice the whole trick or treating thing at school, so they get the idea and for many that will be enough with just a few neighborhood houses added in.

