

OCTOBER 2023

NEWSLETTER

When we learn a language as children, we learn it with ease and exactness. The only language we possess perfectly is the one we call our mother tongue and which we acquired as children.

-Maria Montessori, The 1946 London Lectures

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct 6: Field trip to Dallas Arboretum

Oct 9: Parent-teacher conference (school closed)

Oct 11: Bring pie-pumpkin for craft

Oct 20: Bring candy for Fall Festival

Oct 27: Fall Festival

Oct 30: Picture Day

Nov 22: Early release, 3pm

Nov 23-23: School closed for Thanksgiving

OCTOBER: LIFE ON THE FARM

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
2 FARM ANIMALS	3 FARMING CROPS	4 FARMERS	5 CRAFT	6 FIELD TRIP TO DALLAS ARBORETUM
9 School closed for Parent Teacher conference	10 CORN ON THE COB	11 SCARECROWS	12 CRAFT	13 BRING A BOOK ABOUT ANY FARM ANIMAL
16 FARM MACHINES	17 FARM BUILDINGS	18 PUMPKINS/ JACK O' LANTERNS	19 CRAFT	20 BRING A HALLOWEEN THEMED BOOK
23 GHOSTS/ GHOULS	24 COSTUMES	25 CANDY AND TREATS AND FESTIVALS	26 CRAFT	27 FALL FESTIVAL
30 SAFETY WHEN TRICK OR TREATING	31 LIFE CYCLE OF A CHICKEN			

It's Fall Y'all!

Along with autumn leaves, apple harvest, and spooky ghouls come allergies, virus, flu, and cold-like symptoms. Please support our children and staff by being aware of our sick/illness policy (see next page). The school and staff appreciate your cooperation.

At Discovery Montessori Academy, we try to promote healthy habits. We will be speaking regularly of washing our hands, drinking plenty of water/fluids, and to consume foods that help protect our bodies. Aiming for 8+ hours of solid sleep per night may also aid in fighting against sickness. Lastly, fight your exposure to germs.

If you or anyone in your family feels ill, avoid spreading to others by staying home and recovering.

Parent– Teacher conferences are held twice per school year. Meetings are 20 minutes. Sign up sheets were emailed on 10/2 around 12:45pm. We look forward to meeting with you!

Fall Events

Pumpkin Decorating: Bring a pie pumpkin (about 6-10" diameter) by 10/11. Write your child's name on the bottom with a pen or Sharpie. We will decorate it on 10/13.

Fall Festival: We will have a Fall Festival October 27! You may wear your Halloween costume to school on that day. (No guns, swords, or weapons. No masks that cover the eyes or any costumes that interfere with learning, sitting in a chair, or playing outside.)

To prepare for the fall festival, please **bring two unopened bags of candy or small prize/toys by 10/20.** Make sure the candy does not contain nuts or spicy ingredients. (Nut and spicy candies will go in the teacher's lounge!)

We will need parent volunteers to help run the games. Sign up sheet coming soon.



Happy Birthday!

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| • Aaron | • Ms. Joyce |
| • Allison | • Keegan |
| • Ethan | • Jerry |



SHOULD I COME TO SCHOOL OR NOT?

For the safety and well-being of all our students and faculty, students should remain at home when they exhibit signs of illness, including but not limited to:

- **Fever greater than 100.0°F.** They must be fever-free (without use of fever-reducing medications) for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Vomiting (2 or more episodes)
- Difficulty breathing including requiring breathing treatments every 2 hours or more
- Diarrhea (2 or more episodes)
- Blood in stools
- Persistent abdominal pain that continues for more than 2 hours
- Rash with fever or behavior change
- Purulent conjunctivitis ("pink eye" with thick discharge from the eye)
- Head lice, must be completely nit-free
- Impetigo (a bacterial skin infection) until 24 hours after treatment starts
- Strep throat or other streptococcal infection, until 24 hours after starting antibiotics and fever has ended
- Chicken pox, until all sores have dried and crusted (usually 6 days)
- Feeling too ill to comfortably participate in activities
- Testing positive for Covid-19. (A 5-day quarantine is required, even if your child has no symptoms. This information is as of October 2023.)