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Infants

Welcome to October, Infant families! Fall is definitely in the air, but thankfully we are still having some sunny days. Our children love to step out onto our "playground" to watch the leaves blowing in the wind, breathe the fresh fall air, see the cars driving by, and play in our outdoor square. We are also squeezing in some buggy rides while the weather is still nice. If you haven't already, please sign the permission form for buggy rides on our classroom window and send a sweatshirt or jacket and hat every day in case we need it.

We want to wish Nora S., Nora V., and Camden very happy birthdays this month! Nora S. turns one on October 4th, Nora V. turns one on October 10th, and Camden celebrates his first birthday on October 12th. We know they will do wonderful at moving up to the Wobbler Room and they are excited and ready to be "big kids," but we will certainly miss these three sweet kids!

We also want to welcome our new friends, Leonora and Owen! They have been transitioning well and we look forward to having them be a part of our Infant Room full time.

This month, our theme is "Infants are unbe-LEAF-able." We will continue to decorate our room in fall colors, allow the kids to feel the textures of leaves and pinecones, and sing a couple fall related songs. Favorite songs we have sung this month have been "If you're happy and you know it" and "Row row row your boat". I'm sure if you sing these at home, your child's eyes will light up. Try taking their hands while they're in a sitting or standing position and gently "row" back and forth while singing "Row row row your boat" - they will love it!

We look forward to seeing you at the 5C's Curriculum Night on the 11th from 7-8 pm.

While I have met some of you, my schedule doesn't align with all of yours, so it will be wonderful to put faces to your names. See you then!

-Ms. Amy, Ms. Carol, & Ms. Hoa Hoa



Wobbs

Greetings:

October has already peeked its way to our start of the school year and we'd like to mention a few things

that October will be bringing us this month. This month's color is going to be orange and our shape will be a square. The wobblers will be learning about five different themes this month. Which will include: leaves, pumpkins, Halloween, Halloween Treats, and dental health.

To begin, we will be identifying three different leaves by their colors, size, and shape. We will look for leaves when we go outside and just maybe, hopefully go on a leaf Hunt.

Our next study will be pumpkins. We will look at pumpkins, touch them, and identify the shape, color and texture. We will discover where they come from. Perhaps over the weekend your family could experience the pumpkins patch and enjoy creating jack-o-lanterns.

Thirdly, we will be discussing Halloween treats. For this theme, it will require using four of our five senses. The texture of the wrappers, the smell of candy, the sound of the different wrappers and the sight for colors.

The wobblers will learn about Dental Health. We will talk about dental health and learn about the materials which are used to keep our teeth healthy.

Lastly, the wobblers will be engaging in Halloween fun. This is the time where

they will learn new vocabulary like "Boo"! They will learn a little about some of the costumes associated with Halloween.

To conclude, we will be saying a special goodbye to Michael as he moves up to Todd I and a lovely hello to Nora S., Nora V., and Camden to the Wobbler room. Thank you parents and have a fantastic October.

Stefany and Dung

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Notes from Miss Tina

Fall is my favorite time of year! The weather has been beautiful with sunny skies and the crispness in the air is SO refreshing!

Thank you to everyone who helped buy and sell flower bulbs. We raised approximately \$500 (waiting to get the final amount from our online orders). The bulbs arrived last week and hopefully everyone was pleased with their orders. It's always great in spring anticipating to see what is blooming from your fall planting ☺

Curriculum Night will be Oct. 11th from 7-8 pm. The

teachers set up their classroom for a typical day and will be prepared to talk with you about the upcoming year and all of the fun and educational things they have planned for the kids. This event is for parents only. We apologize in advance for not offering childcare but the event is short and teachers need to be able to focus on parents and their questions. Light snacks will be served.

We have two new staff joining us this month: Betty Hendrickson who has a Master's degree in Curriculum Development, will be subbing for us and Josie Roedell (Moriah and Ruby's younger sister) will be working in the afternoons after school. She attends Olympia.

Our staff bio board is being updated soon and hopefully it will be easier to learn about the teachers with larger photos.

Have a wonderful month!

Ms. Tina ☺

Curriculum Night: Oct. 11th 7-8 pm

This is an opportunity for parents to learn about the upcoming year in their child's classroom.

Todd I

Happy autumn! What a beautiful one it has been so far; so much sunshine! But we know it won't be that way for too much longer, so parents let's make sure we are bringing in jackets and other weather appropriate gear for the coming rainy season. While we won't go outside while it's pouring, we will likely still be out in a light sprinkle or under cloud cover, so it's important that the little ones stay warm and dry!

We have a lot of exciting new things to explore this coming month; themes of the season of fall, trees, pumpkins, and of course Halloween! The holiday falls on a school day this year, so friends can feel free to come dressed in their favorite costumes! We will also have several to pick from in our dress up as well. And don't be surprised to hear a few new songs the kids have picked up like Five Little Leaves or Miss Nancy's Halloween song! It will be great fun and we encourage parents to get involved. Perhaps you can bring in leaves from your yard, or a fun story related to the theme of the week. We know the kids would love it.

Some last few housekeeping reminders: let's make sure all medication/diaper cream forms are up to date, extra clothes are stocked with

weather appropriate garments, and that water bottles are returned home daily to be cleaned. Feel free to ask us if your child needs anything, we will be happy to let you know. Additionally, starting October 1st, Miss Cassey will be back in the classroom! It's been so much fun having Miss Kayla these last two weeks, but we have all missed Cassey and are glad to have her back! Cassey is excited to return, and her family is doing well. The support of the center and the parents has been greatly appreciated, and she hopes to hit the ground running in the new month! Thanks in advance for respecting her privacy with her family matter.

And last but not least, this month's birthday stars! Fiona will be turning 2 years old this month! We are so happy for her and all her growth!

We are excited for all the new things we are all going to learn together this month! It's going to be great! We hope you're as excited as we are!

Kayla, Cassey and Thol ☺



Todd II

Happy fall to everyone!!!
During September we learned about ourselves, as

we explored our theme ALL ABOUT ME. We learned our hair color, eye color, gender, and names of body parts. We talked about our families, pets and favorites things such as food, toy, movie, song etc. As a new teacher, Ms. Shilpa enjoyed seeing the family pictures and hearing the excitement when our kids talked about their immediate family, extended family, and future family members.

The month of October will be filled with lots of activities: coloring, collecting, and painting fall leaves. We will learn about Christopher Columbus on Columbus Day, October 8th. We will have lots of fun topics this month like shapes, colors, pumpkins, bats, spiders and spooky fun. We will dress-up for our party on Wednesday, October 31st. We will pass out a handout with more information later. We will also have an AMAZING time at our annual Halloween Party WHEN OUR IMAGINATIONS RUN WILD AND WE CAN BECOME ANYONE OR ANYTHING WE WISH FOR A DAY!

October Birthdays are:

- Luke - 4th
- Marcella - 8th

We have scheduled our Pumpkin Patch Field Trip:

- Date: Friday, October 12, 2018
- Time: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

- Place: Lattin's Cider Mill.
- Departing 5 C's: 9:00 am
If you are transporting or driving for the field trip, please be at 5 C's by 8:45 am. Parents who are transporting your own children, you may meet us at 5 C's or Lattins
Please put your child's name on their car seat
- Returning to 5 C's: 11:00 am.
- Cost: \$6.00 / child and \$1.00 / adult
- Drivers Needed:
Driver sign-up sheet is next to the TODD II door (If you are driving: we need a copy of your driver's license and insurance card) (Copy of CPR card if you are driving other kids by yourself)
- Questions: Please talk to Ms. Mandy or Ms. Shilpa for more information

Thanks for sharing your kids with us!
Ms. Mandy and Ms. Shilpa



Preschool

Preschool Life...

We made it to October already and I'm sure life has become very busy for everyone! I hope everyone is enjoying it so far with all the new beginnings! We had a great transition with everyone who left and joined us and are having a great time in Preschool! Some reminders that we would like to start with is clothes, please dress appropriately. Weather can be tricky now but having a jacket here would be great! The children still love their water bottles, so we encourage you to still bring those! Thanks for remembering the pictures, they will be up on the walls soon.

As said before we are very excited about having a new preschool class. It's a whole new dynamic and fun atmosphere in the classroom. Everyone loves playing with others and we are working on using our words. "Using our words and not our bodies" is something we say in preschool all the time. They are starting to look at expressions and reading body language. During books/stories or

conflicts/disagreements we talk about the expressions we see. This helps us realize the feelings of the other person and figuring out the next step. Steph and I love watching the interactions when they are trying to talk or figure things out! It's a whole new skill and it will take time, so we are hoping they are also using it at home. Also, the kids are learning table manners and how to properly use utensils. We do family eating style which means the kids pass each other food as well as serve and pour their own milk. For only the first month they are all doing great!

This month we are starting by talking about fall, then heading into occupations, following with pumpkins and the pumpkin patch. The last two weeks we are studying fire safety and Halloween!

To start our busy month we will be having our curriculum night on October 11th. We are going to the **pumpkin patch on October 18th**, we would love if everyone could here by **8:40am** and leave by 9. We will post a signup sheet very soon and figure out drivers. It costs \$6/child and \$2/adult of course pumpkins are included 😊. Monday the 29th at 10am there will be a fire truck coming to the center in which we are very excited about. To end our busy month, we are celebrating Halloween! Feel

free to come dressed up and prepared to have fun! Please **no weapons and nothing scary**, thank you.

Preschool only has 1 birthday this month, MiMi will be 4 on the 14th! Thanks for having such amazing kids and support for our Preschool class! Have a great month!

Ms. Brandi, Ms. Steph, Ms. Millie, and Miss Taylor

Staff Birthdays



Stef (Wobbs) 10-2
Mandy 10-3
Ashley 10-14
Lori 10-28

Pre-K Big Bears

Good day everyone,

We have a wonderfully bright and energetic group of Big Bears this year, but of course you knew that. In September we introduced the children to many new classroom norms such as using a "little cub" picture to rotate between stations and earning dollars for making good choices. We spent time at the art table making individual chairs for our state study and we created one sturdy seat big enough

that the children took turns sitting in it. They cut "candy" shapes of all colors, drew pumpkins and spooky spider webs, and glued it all together to complete our Halloween chair.

The family theme seemed to be the most popular as the kids had opportunities to regale us with stories from home. We are lucky to have a group of youngsters who love to talk and tell tales while they play. The first writing assignments were posted on the wall outside our room and I hope you all noticed how hard the kids tried to show the story of the "dot and the line." They also are making progress on their names, which are hung inside our door.

In October we will study the concepts of reducing, reusing and recycling while we build with items brought in from home. Last year we collected small boxes, lids and other recyclables to use as construction materials. We will also explore a harvest theme and go through fire safety, occupations, nutrition and fall holidays. We have **two field trips** including the **Fire Station October 8th at 10:00** and **Hunter's Pumpkin patch on the 19th leaving at 9:00. WE NEED DRIVERS** for the trip to Hunter's and **there is a cost: \$6.00 for kids and \$2.00 per adult.** We will also be **visited by the police on October 10th at 10:00** if

you would like to drop by for that. Our **OPEN HOUSE this month** is on the 11th from 7-8 pm and we hope you can attend and learn more about our upcoming plans for the year.

WE DO NOT HAVE ANY CLOSURE DAYS!

We do have two birthdays to celebrate! **HAPPY BIRTHDAY Russell, on the 11th** and to **Ms. Lori on the 28th.** We will have our **SHOW and TELL on October 25th and 26th.**

Children are invited to bring in a special book or toy to share with the group.

THANK YOU all for bringing in your child's **EXTRA CLOTHING.** We go through a lot of underwear and socks, and we go outside as much as the weather will allow so be mindful to send boots and warm coats as it gets colder. This group hits the ground running so play shoes are a great idea especially when they just can't be persuaded to take off those princess slippers before leaving home.

Each fall we begin the year with slightly heavy hearts from having said good-bye to so many wonderful young friends. And every time the next group just jumps right in and makes us smile again. This year's crop of Big Bears has us laughing, singing, and chasing all our blues away. Thank you, guardians, for filling our room with a great batch of kids.

Ms. Lori, Ms. Shannon, Mrs. Samatia, and Ms. Maddy



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Parent Board

The Parent Board meets the third Monday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Preschool classroom. All parents are welcome. There will be childcare available for the Oct. and Nov. meeting if anyone needs it. Please let Ms. Nancy know if you need childcare during the meeting.