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Infants

October is here and fall is in the air! The theme in our Infant classroom this month is “Infants are Unbe’leaf’able” and we look forward to enjoying new songs, books, and toys related to leaves and the fall season. Playing with our scarves will be fun and the children will enjoy them falling to the ground like the leaves do!

We want to wish our friend Margo a very happy 1st birthday on October 13th! Her outgoing, social, and smiley personality will truly be missed in our classroom! However, we know she will absolutely love the Wobbler classroom with all that space to play, time on the playground, and new friends!

Our sign of the month this month is “more.” As said before, we use several signs with the children throughout the year to increase their communication skills and we focus on one sign in particular each month. We use the sign “more” often,

and you can at home, too! It is an easy one to fit in all throughout your day: more food, more reading books, more hugs, more milk, more singing songs, and so on. A wonderful website resource for you to learn the signs we use in our classroom is www.signingtime.com.

With the fall air feeling cooler, we will likely cut back on our outside time with the children. We will try to sneak in walks when we can, as well as trips out to our patio before we need to put the play space away for the rainy, fall weather. Thank you for sending a sweatshirt with your child to keep them cozy if needed on these outdoor adventures.

Wishing you all an outstanding October, Ms. Amy, Ms. Hoa, & Ms. Carol



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Notes from Tina and Nancy

With the smell of “yummy applesauce” and the pictures of families in the hallway, September comes to an end and the month of October begins. The September transitions are complete, and the children are feeling comfortable in their new classrooms and are experiencing the new activities, toys and routines.

Many of our October activities are being altered this year. We are looking at alternatives for our pumpkin patch field trips, Halloween celebrations and Curriculum Open House Night.

Curriculum Open House Night occurs during this month. This is an opportunity for you to become more familiar with

the center and to visit your child's classroom. We are planning a different format this year. We want you to have a continued understanding of what your child(ren)'s day is like and the kind of activities and learning experiences they have by learning through play. We will be sending out a video this month for a "Virtual Curriculum Night". Also attached will be handouts with more information about your child's day at the center.

The third week of this month, October 19th, you will receive an ASQ Questionnaire to complete on your child(ren). This is an annual assessment and these questionnaires show your perspective of your child's development. This helps the teachers in planning and developing curriculum activities to practice and strengthen your child's skills. The questionnaires will be scored, and you will receive a letter interrupting the results.

Todd II, Preschool and Pre-K are usually planning a field trip to the pumpkin patch. This year we are planning another activity to take the place of visiting the pumpkin patch. We know this will not be as exciting as the pumpkin patch. We do hope the

children will be able to keep the activity as a fun memory. Our other Halloween Activities will include the children wearing their costumes to school, classroom parties and we are planning (in small groups of children) to "Trick or Treat" at each classroom for special Halloween treats.

October is a very excitable month. We want to make sure the children are feeling comfortable with this time of year. As you read the newsletter, you will see the teachers are planning many safe and fun activities. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know.

Ms. Tina and Ms. Nancy



Wobblers

The month of September was such a successful month, our new friend Josephine was full of smiles and eager to say hello to her new friends. This October, it is a pleasure to say that the Wobbler class will be welcoming a familiar face from the infant room. Margo will be joining us from the Infant Room this

month when she turns one. The Wobblers have shown great progress, and all are up on their feet walking every which way. So, it's exciting that Margo will have new friends to look up to, and to learn and follow in their tracks.

We will be offering activities to explore all the fun that the month of October brings. We've decided to call our wobblers the "little spooky pumpkins" because as you know, they are up and walking and creepin' right behind us.

Our themes this month will consist of family pets, five little pumpkins, pumpkins, and all the Halloween fun that this fall has in store. Lots of sensory experiences will be a big part of this month's themes. The "little spooky pumpkins" will be touching the gooey sticky pumpkins guts and touching real wet leaves. With Halloween around the corner, we are planning to introduce fun and "spooky" experiences to our Wobblers. Parents, If you would like to bring in a photo of your furry friend, or a picture of your child in a Halloween costume, please do. We are going to display the photos in the room. These photos bring smiles to

each of our Wobbler classmates. Also, as we begin to enter the cold season, we would like to ask you to be sure your child has an extra hat, mittens and a coat at 5cs.

We hope all of you have an enjoyable October and as a class we will be looking forward to seeing how much our "little spooky pumpkins" will grow and change.

Ms. Stefany and Ms. Dung



STAFF BIRTHDAYS:

Stef 2nd
Mandy 3rd
Amy 18th
Lori 28th

Todd I

Welcome to October! Fall is here and we are feeling the chill in the air and looking for the leaves to soon start falling. Our theme for this month will be fall; it will include all about trees - leaves, apples, and squirrels - pumpkins and Halloween! Even though this year looks weird, we can still talk about the fun of playing with 'pumpkin

guts,' dressing up and using "spooky" decorations.

An exciting new addition to our classroom is our Lego table! Preschool was rearranging their room and offered it to us; it has been lots of fun to build on. We are working on taking turns, saying 'please and thank you,' and cleaning up when we are all done. These are things we practice all day, all over the classroom, but especially at the Lego table.

This month is a party month! We have so many birthdays, it is wild! Oliver on the 2nd, Jack on the 5th, Willow on the 10th, Eddie on the 14th, and Desmond on the 7th will all be 2 this month! All treats brought in for celebrations must be nut-free and store bought, and still in the package. Feel free to ask Ms. Cassey, if you have any questions.

*Note: Desmond does plan to rejoin the center, just has not returned yet.

We really appreciate how patient parents are at the end of the day, we feel all of our routines are running quite smoothly. Please let us know if there is anything, we can do to make the routines smooth for you as well.

Cassey, Kasondra, and Thol



Todd II

Welcome to October!!

As summer has given way to fall we have jumped into our fall activities with great energy and enthusiasm, because fall is such a fun and adventures time of year; time for leaf hunts, harvest moons, and picking out the perfect pumpkin. Unfortunately, due to COVID 19, we will not be making our annual trek to Latin's Cider mill and pumpkin patch, but may have to look at other possible option, we will keep you posted. As with the weather changes that herald fall, check on your child's extra clothes and make sure they are size and weather appropriate. We would also like to ask that parents send a raincoat & boots to keep in their cubby, so that we can go outside on rainy days.

The week of Oct.5th – 7th is all about Fire prevention and safety. We will be learning about fire safety - practicing Stop Drop, and Roll, calling 911, and the importance of having fire drills. We will be making a fire truck collage, finger

painting fire helmet, and singing about firetrucks.

The week of Oct. 12th-16th will be all about shapes and colors; what is the shape of a stop sign, a window, or a ball you like to throw? We will be making shape themed art and exploring colors to fill in our shapes. We will share some stories about a rabbit who enjoys shapes, a bear who loves color, and some feathered friends who love art.

The week of Oct. 19th -23rd is all about harvest time as we look at the variety of corn, squash, and pumpkins that are making their way into grocery stores and homes. We will be making vegetable themed art, and reading about farmers who grow and harvest their crops for home and the market.

The week of Oct. 26th-30th is all about Halloween; silly pumpkins, ghosts and witches will be sharing space in our room that week as we create fun art and decorations to liven up our room for Halloween

Happy fall, and Happy Halloween (already?)

Ms. Mandy & Ms. Cindy



Preschool

Welcome to my favorite time of year! This month, it's all about FALL: Tree & Leaves, Pumpkins, Fall Animals, and of course our favorite - HALLOWEEN!

We have several birthdays to celebrate this month. Nora S. {4th} and Nora V. {10th} will be 3 and Fiona {3rd} and Ellie {22nd} will be 4! Happy birthday, friends! Fiona is not back with us yet, but we will be sending her some birthday greetings. Please feel free to talk to me if you would like to bring in birthday treats for your birthday girl!

As you may have noticed, there are some new staff schedules in our room. Ms. Kayla is still able to be with us on Mondays and Tuesdays, which means I will be leaving a bit early on those days. Ms. Samantha will be joining us on Wednesday-Friday, and Ms. Kim is back to giving us lunch breaks and afternoon closure. Ms. Millie is still out, but she will be joining us.. We look forward to seeing her soon!

Check out all the artwork in the hallway! Your children worked very hard on creating a self-portrait, a set of family paper dolls, and their family photo houses. This is where I will display our art and asking your child if they can find what they made is a good way to connect with what they do during the day. Also, remember to check the art files on a regular basis. We have free art open every day, and all our friends are creating some amazing pieces!

Your preschoolers have been amazing at hand washing! Our policy in preschool is that if you are playing in an area, and want to move to another area, you must go wash your hands first. This works very well to keep our kiddos in the habit. We also are encouraging them to "find your bubbles" so they don't wash the soap down the drain right away. We try to get through at least one round of Happy Birthday to Bubbles to make sure we are clean. Everyone is doing a good job! Keep it up, preschool friends!

Our units this month are super fun! Fall is my favorite time to teach. There are lots of fun books that focus on fall, and we will be doing some art and games in tandem with our

stories. We will be doing 2 weeks on trees and leaves, learning all about changing leaves, different trees in our area, and taking a nature walk to make some Mother Nature art. Next is animals in the fall and how they prepare for winter, with squirrels, scarecrows, bats, and spiders, plus a fun song about squirrels hunting for walnuts (included below just for fun). We will be having lots of science fun with pumpkins, Jack o lanterns, and finding out what foods we can eat with pumpkin. We recently made applesauce in a slow cooker and now everyone is excited about cooking! Finally, everyone's favorite, Halloween! Costumes, spider webs, and silly Jack o lantern faces! Children can bring their costumes to wear at school. We may even play a spooky Halloween game.....!!!

Little Gray Squirrel

(Tune: 10 Little Indians)

Little gray squirrel hunting for walnuts

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Store them away for winter!

(Repeat, then substitute child's name: Little squirrel Angela hunting for walnuts...)

Unfortunately, there will be no class pumpkin patch trip this year. Instead, I am brainstorming a way we can have a little preschool pumpkin patch out on our playground, but I don't have all the details yet. Stay tuned! I will post a notice or send a note home in plenty of time. We will hopefully be able to do at least one field trip in the spring or early summer instead.

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us! We have so much fun with them every day!

Ms. Angela, Ms. Kayla, Ms. Sam, and Ms. Kim



Pre-K

Welcome to October!

This month we will be talking about Farming and Harvests, Fire Safety and Prevention, Occupations, and Halloween. Our Creative Curriculum focus will be on Clothes.

For our Farming and Harvests week, we will be talking about the process of planting and tending to

plants, what tools and equipment farmers use, and what happens with the crops that they grow. If you are going to the grocery store right now, and even if you are getting deliveries, talk with your child about the food you have and see if you can work out together where the food might come from - straight from a farm? From a preserve? How far did the food travel?

For our Fire Safety and Prevention week we will be looking at the work that firefighters do, what to do if there is a fire (at school and at your house), how to be safe around open flames and hot stoves/ovens, and things that they can do to help prevent fires. We hope to be able to invite the fire department to our center. What sort of things does your family talk about with fire safety? Do you have a smoke detector? Where is it? Try setting off the test noise so your child knows what to listen for.

Occupations week will delve into the different kinds of jobs these kids can grow up to do. We want to know what kinds of jobs you do, so we can talk about those with relation to your kids. We will talk about the different kinds of tools and clothes different professions use

to perform their jobs. Do you talk about your work at home? Has your kid ever tried to copy what you do? Have you ever shown your child what you are working on, either in the office, at home, or out in the field?

And for Halloween, we will talk about pumpkins and jack o' lanterns, nocturnal creatures, costumes and dress up, masks, and trick or treating (specifically how it will be different this year). On Friday, October 30, we will have a Halloween party, and your child may come dressed in their costume, or bring it to change into. We will share a Halloween treat and dance to some Halloween music.

We also want to enjoy the pumpkin patch like we have in years past and are not sure if we will be able to go this year. A final decision has not been made and we will keep you posted,

We have two birthdays this month: Ian and Marcella. Ian's movie watching day will be October 2nd, and Marcella's will be October 9th. If you bring in a movie, please make sure it is rated G. Again, it is up to your family if you bring a birthday treat, and up to you if you bring it on their birthday or on their movie watching day.

This serves as a good spot to remember that 5 year old's and up must wear a mask in school. We encourage our four year old's to bring their masks and wear them, but we do not require them to wear it. As your child's birthday approaches, please begin to talk more with them about wearing it. If you go out in public, encourage them to wear it then. Try wearing them on a short walk around your neighborhood. In this time of change and uncertainty, we want to create a sense of normality around the masks. We understand that wearing a mask all day can be uncomfortable or weird, but this is where we as adults must set the example for our kids.

In Pre-K, we have 3 different ways to take a break from our masks. One, during our meal times when we eat. Two, during rest time, on their nap mats when they are separate from other children. And three, throughout the day in our quiet reading area, as long as they are separate from other children. Remind your child that it's okay to take a break, to take a few minutes without one. But also remind them that without a mask, we must stay apart, and that with

one, they can go play with their friends.

Excited for what this month may bring,

Ms. Moriah, Ms. Lori. and Ms. Grace

