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Fall Edition

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### Dates To

#### Remember:

October 10th—  
Original Works Or-  
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October 15th—  
Parent's Night Out 4-  
10 pm

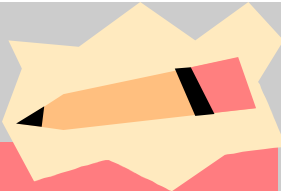
October 27th—Fall  
Carnival 3-5 pm

October 31—  
Scholastic Book Fair  
Begins

Hi all and welcome to my favorite month! There is so much to do and see in the Land of Enchantment this time of year. The mornings and evenings are nice and cool but it still warms up nicely during the day. With that said, please make sure that you are bringing in sweaters or light jackets for the children to wear in the cooler AM hours. We do go out, weather permitting, every day and in most cases, twice a day. It's better to peel off a couple layers as the day progresses then to be too cold! For our newer parents, a couple of items. First, we do have a **Parent's Night Out (PNO)** scheduled for **Saturday, October 15th**. We ask for a minimum donation of \$30 per child to be paid in advance at the front desk. It runs from 4—10pm and the children will go to their regular classrooms. Our teachers volunteer to work these events and we split the proceeds between us and those who work them. We adhere to the same child to teacher ratios that we always have and the cost includes dinner, activities, and for the older children, a G rated movie. I believe that the movie for this particular evening will be **Cars 2**. If you haven't done so already, there is a sign up sheet in our multi-purpose room, next to the door leading to the office area. Ms. Lynsey is in charge of PNO and can answer any other questions you may have. Secondly, we have our **Fall Carnival** scheduled for **Thursday, October 27th** from 3—5pm. Please plan on attending this fun, family friendly event. Each classroom has a separate activity/game set up in it (**except for our infant room—we kindly ask that this room remain off limits as our littlest ones tend to get scared from new faces**) that our families can rotate through. We kindly ask that you send your child with their costumes in their bags, but not let them wear it to school. If you'd like to help them change into their costumes, we ask that you get here around 2:45pm. Older siblings are welcome to attend (but again, we ask if they come in costume, to make sure that it is not too scary for the younger ones). We also ask that there is no full face masks or face paint worn as this tends to scare some of our children and we want to make this a fun event for all! Have a great month and as always, thank you for entrusting us with your children.

*Lisa*

*Enrich the day, brighten the future.™*



## INFANT NEWS

### Alison's News

First of all, thank you everyone for coming to our "Let's Get Together Breakfast". We sure enjoyed seeing everyone and the babies enjoy having Mommy and/or Daddy come to start their day. We are still working on keeping our naptimes at 9:30 and 1:30 which they are transitioning to beautifully. Each day is a new story with changes happening continually. We sure enjoy watching them grow!

Always feel free to ask any questions you may have and don't be afraid to come visit your child if you wish. Thank you for entrusting us with your prized possession.

Ms. Alison

Ms. Leeza

Ms. Mable

### Jennifer's News

Dear parents,

We still want to say we are sure enjoying your children! Our schedule is getting easier and easier and they are getting more comfortable every day. We are working on napping at the same time daily which is also transitioning smoothly. We are going to continue going outside with the children occasionally so please make sure they have a sweater or jacket here at school.

Thank you for coming to our "Let's Get Together Breakfast". Not only is it great to have you come, but it's also wonderful for the children to have their family stay a little longer in the morning. Makes saying goodbye a little easier.

Once again, please label your child's bottle with their name, date and amount in each bottle. Initially the lids have been helpful as well. We appreciate you all helping us with this task daily. Happy Birthday to Xavi on October 7th!! Happy fall to all!!

Ms. Jennifer

Ms. Angie

Ms. Nicole



# YOUNG TODDLER NEWS

## Arlene's News

Happy fall to one and all!

What a difference 2 months makes! When we began the school year, your little ones were still having a hard time with regular cups. Now, more than half of them can drink from a cup with great success. Fantastic job boys!

Art has been a big hit in our classroom. The children love painting and doing any art w/ glue. They are not too sure about the stickiness of the glue, but they enjoy it anyways!

Our parent breakfast had a great turn out. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it. If you weren't able to make it, we still have lots of activities for you to attend in October. Our field trip to McCall's Pumpkin Patch will be on Friday, October 21st. Please let us know ASAP if you CANNOT make it. We hope to see everyone there because it truly is a fun event. Remember, you might want to dress in layers that day. The mornings start off really cool and by noon it's quite warm. Don't forget Fall Carnival is October 27th, from 3-5 pm.

Thank you for bringing sweaters to leave in their cubbies, but please make sure they are labeled with your child's name.

Hope your October is the best!

Ms. Arlene

Ms. Maria

Ms. Joslyn

## Ms. Mona's News

We would like to start by thanking everyone who was able to join us for our parents breakfast. It is great to see you all in our classroom and it helps the children feel more comfortable.

We have now started working on the ABC's and colors with sign language during circle. The children seem to enjoy circle, even if only for a few minutes. We will keep working and build up to, the full allotted time. We all enjoyed the curriculum last month. We made cupcakes, tortilla faces, muddy pigs, sensory bottles and lots of finger painting. This month we will work on Balloon Fiesta, apples, transportation, pumpkins and our emotions.

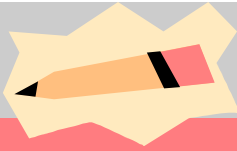
Finally, we are sad to say "goodbye" to Grayson and his family. They will be moving to Florida and his last day with us will be October 21st. We are sad to see him go. He has been a great addition to our class and will be missed! We wish him and his family the best!

Sincerely,

Ms. Mona

Ms. Mercedes

Ms. Ramona



# OLDER TODDLER NEWS

## Danielle's News

*Happy October!*

*Our themes for October include Fall Harvest, which goes hand in hand with autumn/fall, trees/leaves & forest friends. We will also be talking about dinosaurs. The mornings are quite chilly so please remember a light sweater for your child. The children are growing fast so also check your child's clothes and make sure they are weather appropriate and they fit. No outside food or drink is allowed in our classrooms due to allergy concerns. Your consideration with this is greatly appreciated.*

*Don't forget Saturday, October 15th is our Parent's Night Out from 4-10PM. Perfect time for an actual date night, take advantage!*

*Fall Carnival is scheduled for Thursday, October 27th from 3-5 pm. Please remember to bring your child's costume when you arrive at 3:00. Have a great month!*

*Ms. Danielle*

*Ms. Lindsey*

*Ms. Nikki*

## Ana's News

Happy Fall!

The children are starting to recognize their names and are learning their shapes, colors, numbers and days of the week in English and Spanish. We love to hear the kids talking in Spanish! It is so much fun. We have to congratulate Lauren, Kira, Madilyn, Jack, Mayah, Amari and Ryan for doing such a good job going potty and wearing big kids underwear! Thank you, parents, for helping at home. The children are also brushing their teeth 3 times a day after breakfast, lunch and snack, so please check to see if your child needs a new toothbrush.

This month's curriculum includes emotions, how are you feeling today?; animals and people we see in our neighborhood. We are having a great time playing with traffic signs and signals and discovering the difference between farm animals and pets from home.

We can't wait for October's amazing activities. We have Balloon Fiesta artwork, and dinosaur life. October 17—21 we are baking pumpkin pies and smashing apples to make applesauce. We will be tasting eerie eyeballs (apple rings, apricots & a raisin!) during the last week of October.

Please don't forget the field trip to McCall's Pumpkin Patch on October 7th. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Ms. Ana. Also, please let us know if you cannot make the field trip. We need to make alternative plans for the children not attending.

Thank you for everything you do for us and our school!

Ms. Ana

Ms. JoAnn

Ms. Connie



# PRESCHOOL NEWS

## Lynsey's News

Dear parents,

**First of all, thank you all who were able to join us for the "Let's Get Together" breakfast. Your children loved sharing their morning with you. It was a great way to start the day!**

**Please don't forget to mark your calendars for our first field trip of the year which will take place on Friday, October 14th, 2011. Please refer to your field trip memo for more information.**

**La Luz will be holding its annual Fall Carnival on Thursday, October 27 from 3-5 pm. Please plan on arriving at La Luz around 2:45 pm so you can change your child into his or her costume and be ready for the festivities to start at 3:00. Please remember that La Luz requests no full face masks/paint or scary costumes of any kind. Please help us to make this a fun event for all!**

**As always, thank your for all your support and please do not hesitate to come to us with any questions or comments you may have!**

Thank you!

Ms. Lynsey

Ms. Diana

## Emma's News

Hello parents and friends! It's been great getting to know everyone. September went by so quickly! Take a deep breath and get ready for October. Thank you, parents, for your participation on our first field trip to the State Fair. We all loved watching the sheep sheering and McDonald's Farm is always a hit. Thank you one and all for coming to our "Let's Get Together Breakfast". It's always fun visiting with you all.

We have been busy with assessments and the children are doing great! Some things we are working on are drawing a circle, following a straight line by cutting. We are also drawing and gluing on many of our art projects. We are working on our manners while eating or waiting in line, which can be a challenge. We are learning catch phrases such as "Excuse me", "May I have a turn?", "Please give me some space" and "Let's play together." We are learning how to cooperate and help each other, as well.

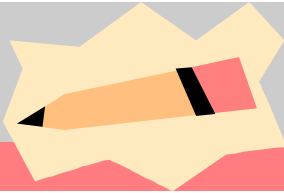
Don't forget parents night out on October 15, 4-10 pm and our Fall Carnival: October 27, from 3-5 pm.

Have a wonderful October!! Thanks for all you do!

Ms. Emma

Ms. Matilda

Ms. Tessa



# PRE-K NEWS

## Angela's News

### **GREETING EVERYONE!!**

**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE "LET'S GET TOGETHER BREAKFAST". THE CHILDREN REALLY ENJOYED HAVING YOU IN THE CLASSROOM. OUR THEMES FOR OCTOBER ARE, "UP, UP & AWAY" AND "FALL HARVEST". PRESCHOOL IS WORKING ON CUTTING, PINCH GRIP, LETTERS AND NUMBER RECOGNITION. PRE-K IS WORKING ON CUTTING AND WRITING THEIR NUMBERS & LETTERS. OUR CURRICULUM NOT ONLY FOCUSES ON CUTTING, WRITING OR RECOGNIZING LETTERS AND NUMBERS, BUT ALSO SENSORY, SCIENCE, EARLY LITERACY AND SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL SKILLS. WE WILL BE PLANNING A FIELD TRIP TO WAGNER'S FARM THE LAST WEEK OF OCTOBER. WE WILL GIVE YOU MORE DETAILS AS THE DAY APPROACHES.**

**THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING AND HAVE A WONDERFUL OCTOBER!**

**MS. ANGELA**

**MS. JOANNA**

**MS. AMELIA**

## Mary Jo's News

Dear Friends,

Fall has finally arrived and we all look forward to the cooler weather it brings. Everyone who was able to attend the "Let's Get Together Breakfast" deserves a big thank you. We know how hard it is to attend this gathering when you have other commitments.

Friday, October 21st will be our fall field trip to McCall's Pumpkin Patch. If you have not received your information please let us know. Our hay ride is scheduled for 10:00. We highly recommend that you arrive with enough time to purchase your tickets—adults. The line is usually long and slow.

October is a busy month for PK, which includes: October 3—7, Balloon Fiesta, "Ff", October 10—14, Fire Prevention, "Gg", October 17—31, Pumpkins, Spiders, Orange, Black, Harvest, "Hh, li".

Share and Tell is a big hit this year. The children love to sit in the special chair and tell their friends about the treasure they brought. The presenters are gaining public speaking ability and the audience is improving their listening skills.

La Luz will hold their annual Fall Carnival on Thursday, October 27, from 3—5 pm. Please mark your calendar for this fun event so you can bring your child to all the fun activities in all the classrooms. We know that most of you have been through this before, but here are a few reminders.

- 1. Costumes are not to be worn to school.**
- 2. Please, no face paint or makeup before the carnival.**
- 3. No scary costumes. Some of the children have a fear of them.**

You are welcome to come to class about 2:45 to dress your child. If Thursday is not your scheduled class day, please come and enjoy yourself with us.

Have a wonderful month!

Ms. Mary Jo

Ms. Natasha

Ms. Susan