November Newsletter

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Before we begin this newsletter we'd like to take a few lines to thank everyone for their help and participation in October events. We were very pleased to see so many families in attendance for our Open House and Potluck. We had a great time getting to know your families and watching everyone play! Thanks to everyone who brought goodies for our Halloween party. The Redwoods had a great time! We'd also like to thank all the families who helped with our trip to the pumpkin patch. We appreciate all your participation. We couldn't have done it without you! And finally, Thanks to all who participated in our Family Pumpkin Decorating Contest. All entries were very creative and looked great!! Congratulations to our winners and thanks again to all the families for participating and helping us judge. We hope you had as much fun creating them as we did admiring them.

Thanks for participating in our Fall Fundraiser! With item sales and donations, we sold \$1,861.00 (40% our profit). We'll use our funds to purchase new books and other classroom items. The winner from our drawing was The Trummell Family winning 1 week FREE tuition!! We'd also like to thank all the families that made a donation in lieu of fundraiser sales. Thank you for your support!

THANKSGIVING PROJECT

The Redwoods are making a special project for their feast table. Please bring in a large Ziploc bag filled with leaves. Fresh, old, dried, whatever style. We need them to school by Wednesday 11/9.

THANKSGIVING FEAST

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with our class with a special feast. Our Thanksgiving Feast will be on Friday 11/18. Please understand that due to the size of our classrooms, we ask that parents refrain from joining us at this event. (Parents will be invited to a special program and brunch in February). Our Thanksgiving celebration will begin at 9:00am, and we'll sit down to eat at 11:00am. Half day students will be eating with us. Please sign up to bring food. Please Note: it is very important that you bring what you've signed up for. Parents provide all the food, with the exception of the turkey. Children who do not come to school on Friday's are welcome to join us, but must be picked up by 12:00 noon. Please let us know ahead of time if your child is coming so that we may account for them at our feast table.

HOLIDAY



As a reminder we'll be CLOSED 11/24 AND 11/25 for Thanksgiving Break.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

As a reminder we will be closed December 26th -- January 6th (school will resume on 1/9).

SPARE CLOTHES

Please make sure your child has spare clothes at school that are appropriate for the changing weather. If you think it's time to update your child's change of clothes, bring in a new set of fall / winter clothes and put them in our clothes drop off box. We'll send home the old clothes in exchange for the warmer ones.

JACKETS AND SWEATSHIRTS

Please make sure your child is bringing a jacket/sweatshirt to school everyday. Because of our unpredictable weather, we highly recommend sending your child dressed in layers. Wear a sweatshirt or long sleeves and bring a light jacket. The mornings tend to be cold, while the afternoons get very warm. We spend lots of time outside regardless of the cold weather so please make sure your child is suitably dressed. We can't stress enough-LABEL ALL JACKETS, COATS AND SWEATSHIRTS!!!!! Even if your child has a hook with their name on it, it's important to label the item. If you're missing any of your child's clothes be sure to check our lost and found box near the front entrance. Items remaining in the Lost & Found after 11/21 will be donated to charity.





REPORTING ILLNESS

If your child is diagnosed with a communicable disease (strep throat, chicken pox, slap cheek, impetigo, pink eye, etc...) you must notify us immediately. It's important that we inform other parents of possible illnesses their child may have been exposed to.

If your child is out of school due to an illness please call us in the morning and let us know that they'll be absent. It's also helpful to know if your child is suffering from a cold or flu so that we can better inform parents of illnesses that may be going around.

Please know that we are doing our part at school to prevent the spread of illness by washing toys and surfaces, teaching the children healthy practices and frequent hand washing.

REMINDER



Our daily activities begin promptly at 9:00 am. **DO NOT BE LATE!** We suggest having your child at school by 8:50 so they have time to check out the activities in the classroom before we get started. As we begin to practice for our Thanksgiving program, we'll need all children at school on time.

T-SHIRT PROJECT

We're making a special project this month that requires \$3.00 for a t-shirt. Please submit \$3.00 (CASH) for your child's t-shirt.

SUPPLY FEE

If you have not submitted \$50 (CASH) for your annual supply fee (portfolio fee), please do so A.S.A.P. Payment is past due.

F.Y.I.

Miss Kim has taken a leave of absence to tend to a family matter. At this time it's not known when she will be returning. Miss Shalimar will resume her position in the Maple classroom with Miss Heather and Miss Charlotte.

BUTTERFLY WALK FIELD TRIP

We're off to see the Monarch Butterflies on 11/3. We need parent drivers so if you can help us, please sign up. Make sure to submit a copy of your license and car insurance before the day of our field trip.





This month was filled with lots of different experiences. We spent time practicing what we would do in case of either a fire or an earthquake. We all did a great job getting out of our classroom quickly and safely for our fire drill and quickly found cover during our earthquake drill.

We had a fantastic time at the pumpkin patch and appreciated everyone who was able to drive! Our hayride, corn kernel pit and hay maze were full of fun, and memories were surely made.

We created unique pumpkins and fluffy ghosts this month. We worked together and made some tasty <u>F</u>lour tortillas in honor of <u>F</u> week.

Our Halloween party was a huge success with costumes, games, and tasty treats.

November will be filled with discussions of friendship, the discovery of what the first Thanksgiving entailed, and the sharing of what we are thankful for.

Books We Enjoyed Last Month

The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid Of Anything by Linda Williams We're Off To Find The Witch's House by Mr. Krieb The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein Room On A Broom by Julia Donaldson



Songs We've Been Singing

5 Little Pumpkins I'm A Jack-O-Lantern One Little, Two Little, Three Little Pumpkins Mr. Pumpkin Ghosts And Witches



Happy Thanksgiving! Miss Ashley & Miss Cori

