



Preschool



October Newsletter

The first month of school seemed to fly by and now we're off and running! October marks the start of parties and festivities so please make sure to read your newsletters carefully. Make note of party dates, sign-ups for fieldtrip drivers and party treats.

September was the month for getting acquainted. We're getting to know the routine, our classrooms and each other. We're making new friends and learning how to get along in our classroom.

Last month we had a lot of fun playing with different tactile materials that offered a sensory experience as well. We scooped and poured cinnamon popping oats and coffee sand at the sensory tables. We shaped and molded playdough and kinetic sand. We painted with mashers, cars, salad spinners, golf balls and spinner boards. We played with Ooblick and watched how it changes from a solid to a liquid when you squeeze and let go!

Last month we also had a full experience with apples. We cooked them, painted with them, ate them, sorted them, learned their names, cored and peeled them with a cool apple "machine" and read lots of books about them.

We've been focusing in on the children's interests and have some great themes planned for the future months. Our themes coming up in October are Autumn, Harvest, Pumpkins and Halloween.

SPECIAL PROJECT

In November the Maples will make a special project that requires a T-Shirt. Please turn in \$3.00 by Friday 10/27 for your child's shirt.

PUMPKIN PATCH

We're going to G & M Farms in Livermore on Friday 10/13. We're leaving promptly at 9:45am and we'll return to Growing Years by 1:00pm.

We need all children at school by 9:00 so we can prepare them for our trip. We need all parent drivers at Growing Years by 9:15 so we can load carseats, go over the agenda, etc.



Children who do not come to school on Friday's are welcome to join us but must be accompanied by an adult. Parents who choose to drive only their child are welcome to meet us at the farm (be there by 10:15). Let us know in advance that you'll be meeting us there by making note on our drivers sign up list.

The cost is \$12.00 per child. Pumpkin patch money is due by Wednesday 10/11 **CASH ONLY! PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR MONEY ON TIME!!!!**



If you can help us get there, please sign up on the drivers sign-up sheet. **DO NOT sign up unless you're absolutely sure you can drive.**

Fieldtrip drivers will need to submit a copy of their drivers license and proof of insurance prior to the fieldtrip day.



SAFETY DRILLS

This month we'll practice our Earthquake drill. We'll teach the children "Duck And Cover" and teach them where to go if there's an earthquake. We will also be conducting a fire drill.



SCHOOL PICTURES

Ahern Photography will be here on Tuesday 10/3 and Wednesday 10/4 to take school pictures. Look for picture packet envelopes in your child's cubby the week before picture day. Please return your envelope along with payment on the day written on the envelope (This is your child's picture day). All children will be included in our class photo (even those not purchasing pictures).

HALLOWEEN PARTY



Our Halloween party is on Thursday 10/26. Wear your costume to school today! If your child does not come to school on Thursday's they're welcome to join us from 9:00 - 11:30. **Please let us know in advance if your child is coming so that we can set a spot for them at our party table.** We'll share our costumes, play games and then parade around our yard at 10:15. Parents are welcome to meet is in the yard and take pictures as we parade around. Our party will continue after our parade. **Please bring a change of clothes for your child if they stay all day.** Look for our sign-up sheet to bring goodies.

****We ask that parent's refrain from attending our party. There is limited space in our classroom therefore we ask that you do not enter our classroom during our party time. You're welcome to take pictures as we parade, but please refrain from coming into our classroom. We appreciate your understanding.**

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST



It's time for our annual Family Pumpkin Decorating Contest! If you are interested in participating you'll need to register, so be sure to look for the sign up sheet. Remember, we're looking for **FAMILY** produced entries. Make sure your child is an active participant in the decorating process. Pumpkin entries may be dropped off at the preschool throughout the week of the 23rd but **ALL** entries must be submitted by the morning of Thursday 10/26 to be considered for judging. Our judging will be based on 3 categories--Silliest, Spookiest and Most Original. We need you to help us choose our winners. Please vote (one ballot per family please) for your favorite in each category. More information regarding our contest will be sent home later in the month.

PROGRESS REPORTS / FALL CONFERENCING



This month you will receive a report regarding your child's preschool experience over the last few months. There will be a calendar posted on the sign in/out board for you to schedule a conference if you would like one. Conferences are conducted in the afternoons/evenings and will only be available to those who schedule an appointment.



OPEN HOUSE AND POTLUCK DINNER

Join us for an Open House on Wednesday 10/4, 6pm - 8pm. Come chat with your child's teachers and see what we've been up to in our classrooms. Come early and we'll enjoy a potluck dinner together (6pm - 7pm). Please bring a dish to share. Children are welcome to attend but please make sure to supervise your child at all times while they are on site.

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP

Next month we'll take a trip to see the Monarch Butterflies at their migration stop in San Leandro. We'll need parent drivers to help us get there. Our trip is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7th. We'll leave Growing Years at 9:00am and return by 12:00. Look for more information and driver sign ups later this month.

Stories We've Been Reading...

Peanut Butter Rhino by Vincent Andriani
The Gingerbread Man by Mara Alperin
Apple Trouble! by Ragnhild Scamell
Five Ugly Monsters by Tedd Arnold
"Hi Pizza Man!" by Virginia Walter



Songs We've Been Singing...

Ram Sam Sam
The Good Morning Song
Twinkle, Twinkle, Traffic Light
Aikendrum
A Hunting We Will Go
5 Little Monkeys

Happy Fall To All!
Miss Shalimar, Miss Heather
Miss Rowena



OCTOBER

S M T W T F S

1 Nora Is Our Star Of The Week	2	3  School Pictures	4 Open House & Potluck Dinner 6pm - 8pm	5 Miss Rowena's Birthday	6 	7
8 Natalie Is Our Star Of The Week	9	10 Earthquake Drills This Week	11 Ellie's Birthday \$12 For The Pumpkin Patch Due Today	12	13 Pumpkin Patch Trip Leaving: 9:45am Return: 1:00 	14 Parents Night Out 5pm - 11pm
15 Xavier Is Our Star Of The Week Ryosuke's Birthday	16 Fundraiser Orders Due Today	17 Fire Drills This Week 	18	19	20 Family Directory Forms Due Jacob's Birthday	21
22 Sasha Is Our Star Of The Week	23 	24	25	26  Halloween Party 9am-11:30 Parade @ 10:15	27 Cast Your Vote For Your Favorite Pumpkins \$3 For T-Shirt Project Due	28
29 Daniel Is Our Star Of The Week Mason's Birthday	30 Conferencing Week	31 Happy Halloween! 	<p>October Is A 5 Week Tuition Month.</p> <p>Monthly Newsletters And Menus Can Be Accessed On Our Website GYPRESCHOOL.COM</p> <p>Follow Us On Facebook facebook.com/gypreschool</p>			