



Pre-K



# 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 newsletter carefully. Make note of party dates, sign-ups for field trip drivers, and party treats.

## 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.

## 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).

## 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.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY



Our Halloween party is on Friday 10/27. Wear your costume to school today! If your child does not come to school on Friday'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 and then parade up the block at 10:15am. Parents are welcome to meet us in the Growing Years parking lot and walk with us on our parade. Our party will continue after our return. **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 classrooms therefore we ask that you do not enter our classrooms during our party time. You're welcome to take pictures and walk with us on our parade but not in the 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.



## PUMPKIN PATCH

We're going to G & M Farms in Livermore on Friday 10/20. We're leaving promptly at 9:00 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. Everyone going must pay with our group and pay in advance. Pumpkin patch money is due by Wednesday 10/18 CASH ONLY! PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PAYMENT 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.



## 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 14th. We'll leave Growing Years at 9:00am and return by 12:00. Look for more information and driver sign ups later this month.





## LETTER BOX

Please encourage your child to find an item at home that begins with the letter of the week and bring it in to share in our letter box. Be sure to refer to our calendar to see which letters we're introducing each month. Having tangible items in our classrooms to represent the letter of the week help us reinforce our lessons and understanding of letters and their sounds. Please make sure your child is an active participant in finding something to bring, and remember to have fun! Letter Box items will remain in the box for the week and will be sent home on Friday.

## FALL FUNDRAISER

Our fundraiser is up and running! Profits from our fundraiser will go toward new scooters for our playground and other classroom materials. Please have all orders and payment submitted by Monday 10/16.



# Happy Fall To All!

Miss Ashley, Miss Roxann  
Miss Elli, Miss Charlotte



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22 Alexandra Is Our Star Of The Week	23 Introducing Letter "G" This Week 	24	25 Gabriel's Birthday	26 Cast Your Vote For Your Favorite Pumpkins	27 Halloween Party 9am - 11:30 Parade @ 10:15 	28 Ilanna's Birthday
29 Thomas Is Our Star Of The Week	30 Introducing Letter "H" This Week	31 Happy Halloween! 	<p><b>October Is A 5 Week Tuition Month.</b></p> <p>Monthly Newsletters And Menus Can Be Accessed On Our Website GYPRESCHOOL.COM</p> <p>Follow Us On Facebook facebook.com/gypreschool</p>			