



Preschool



November Newsletter

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 Maples 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 \$1,966.00 (40% our profit). We'll use our funds to purchase new scooters and other classroom items.

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.

THANKSGIVING FEAST

The Maples would like to invite you to join us for our Thanksgiving Celebration on Thursday 11/16. We'll begin with a performance for our families followed by our feast. Our performance will begin promptly at 11:00am with our feast immediately following. Please look for the 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 Thursday's are welcome to join us, but must be picked up by 12:30. Please let us know ahead of time if your child is coming, so that we may account for them at our feast table. Half day students will be eating lunch with us. **All children must be at school by 9:00 am.**

HOLIDAY

As a reminder we'll be **CLOSED**
11/23 AND 11/24 for Thanksgiving Break.



WINTER BREAK

As a reminder we will be closed December 25th -- January 5th (school will resume on 1/8).

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 12/1 will be donated to charity.**



October was a busy month for the Maples. Our themes for the month were Fall, pumpkins, and Halloween.

Last month we explored pumpkins! We guessed what was inside our pumpkin. We put our pumpkins in the sensory table and shoveled out all the gooshy guts and seeds. We painted with pumpkins and talked about how they grow. We put them in water to see if they sink or float. We used books and our trip to the pumpkin patch to reinforce our lessons and understanding of pumpkins.

We had fun getting ready for Halloween. We learned new songs, read lots of Halloween stories, went on spooky walks, danced to the Monster Mash, thought up ingredients for our Witch's Brew, and had a great time sharing our costumes at our party.

We created lots of awesome art last month! We painted with salad spinners, mashers, different brushes, pokey balls and sponges. We engaged in fun sensory activities too! We scooped and poured cinnamon popping oats. We molded and created with strawberry playdough and played with ooey gooey shaving cream.

This month we'll focus our lessons on Thanksgiving and what it means to be thankful. We'll learn about the Pilgrims and the Native Americans and we'll learn some new Thanksgiving songs to prepare for our program.



SONGS WE'VE BEEN SINGING

Mr. Pumpkin
Five Little Pumpkins
I'm A Jack-O-Lantern
Walk In The Dark

BOOKS WE ENJOYED IN OCTOBER

Room On A Broom by Julia Donaldson
Skeleton Hiccups by Margery Cuyler
Pumpkin Heads! by Wendell Minor
Who Will Haunt My House On Halloween? by Jerry Pallotta



Happy Thanksgiving!

Miss Shalimar, Miss Heather
Miss Rowena



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!** Children should be at school by 8:45am 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

Have you submitted \$3.00 for our November T-Shirt project? If not please do so A.S.A.P.

SUPPLY FEE

If you have not submitted \$25 (CASH) for your annual supply fee (portfolio fee), please do so A.S.A.P. Payment is past due.

BUTTERFLY WALK FIELD TRIP

Be sure to read the attached information regarding our butterfly walk field trip. 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.



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CONFERRING THIS WEEK



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Ayla Is Our
Star Of The
Week

7
Monarch
Walk
Fieldtrip
Leaving: 9:15
Returning: 11:30

8 9
CONFERRING THIS WEEK

10 11
Parents
Night Out
5pm-11pm

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CONFERRING THIS WEEK

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Thanksgiving
Feast
Have children at
school by 9am.
Program begins at
11am.

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Miss
Heather's
Birthday

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CLOSED
HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!

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Amelia &
Eliza's
Birthday

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November Is A
4 Week
Tuition Month