



October Newsletter

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Some of this month's goals:

- Getting to know our classmates- similarities and differences
- Classroom routines and expectations
- Introducing/ re-introducing Alphafriends
- Letter naming: uppercase vs. lowercase
- Rhyming/ Nursery Rhymes
- Begin writing workshop (M/W/F)
- Name writing
- Correct pencil hold/ tracing
- Sort, Classify, Order
- Number matching
- Graphs
- Colors/ Color words
- Rote counting
- Putting on own shoes
- Show-n-Tell: listening and speaking
- Learning continents
- Fall weather
- Fall harvest
- Apple study

Apple Harvest Study



This month we will be studying apple farming and various types of apples. Our dramatic play area will include an apple orchard, apple pie making and an apple stand. Students will be tasting apples, making art with real apples, counting with apple seeds and much more. We will also be having fun apple snacks and making our own famous applesauce.

Towards the end of the month, we will begin celebrating Halloween and making some fun Halloween crafts.

Field trip to The Pumpkin Patch



On **Tuesday, October 20** we will be going to The Pumpkin Patch on Sauvie's Island for our pumpkin patch field trip.

Please note that a parent or guardian is required to go and we will all be meeting at the farm. Plan to arrive at **10:15**. They will be taking a group picture before the tour starts.

Your student's cost will be covered. Siblings are welcome to join us and siblings under the age of 2 are free. The cost is **\$5.00** for siblings age 2 and up. Please turn in money to Ms. Keli for siblings prior to the pumpkin patch. There will be a sign-up sheet on the front desk.

If you would like to join us for a picnic afterwards, bring a sack lunch for you and your child. Dress for inclement weather!

Halloween Celebration



Our Halloween Parties are on Wednesday, October 28 and Thursday, October 29. Your child is welcome to wear a costume to school.

Our day will consist of "show-n-telling" our costumes, games, a fun snack, and going on a costume parade (weather permitting). Our parade will begin at the school and go up Woodstock Blvd. to Papaccino's and back. Please refrain from "scary" costumes, scary masks and make-up. Accessories are ok for "sharing" costumes and during our parade only, but must be kept on the front desk or in files for the remainder of the school day. Parents are welcome to join us for our parade.

School Pictures



On October 12th and 13th we will be having class photos and individual photos taken by **3 Like Minds Photography**. They are a local Woodstock business that have been doing school pictures at Duniway School, Lewis School and Whole Child Montessori. Parents will have an option to purchase photos of your child and/or class pictures. Order forms will be available at the time of pictures taken.

Open House

Thursday, October 15 is our Open House. This is an opportunity for students to show their families around their school. Come any time during the hours of 6:00-7:30 and plan on staying 20-30 minutes.

There will be a list of things for your child to show you! Cookies are available after the tour!

Conferences

Conferences will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 21- Friday, Oct. 23. There will be a sign-up sheet on the front desk. Conference times will be limited to 15 minutes per student.

This will be a good chance for parents to talk with teachers one-on-one with any questions and concerns. We will be able to give you information regarding your child's social, behavioral and academic progress in preschool. Conferences are not required.

Nature Walks



Our nature walks will begin in October where we will observe the change in season. We will be walking on Monday, Oct. 5 and Tuesday, Oct. 6. Our 4-5 yr. olds will be walking to Reed College Canyon. Our 3-4 yr. olds will be walking to Berkley Park. Please see the calendar for nature walk days. Nature walks depend on the weather.

Show-n-Tell

Students will be very excited to know that show-n-tell will begin this month! We will be doing this once/month. Students are able to bring one special item from home (toy, souvenir, picture, etc.) Check the monthly calendar.

Important Dates

**Monday & Tuesday, October 5-6:
Nature walk (weather permitting)**

**Friday, October 9: NO SCHOOL
(teacher work day)**

**Thursday, October 15: Open House
6:00-7:30**

**Tuesday, October 20: Field trip to
The Pumpkin Patch-10:15 am**

**Thursday & Friday, October 12-13:
Class/Individual Picture days**

**Conferences: Wednesday-Friday,
October 21-23. NO SCHOOL.**

**Wednesday & Thursday, October 28-
29: Halloween Costume Party and
Parade**

**Friday, October 30- NO SCHOOL
(teacher work day)**

**Wednesday, November 11- NO
SCHOOL (Veteran's Day)**



Happy Birthday!

NO BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

***If you would like to bring birthday treats in
the future, please see Ms. Keli.**