



Preschool Press October 2016



Scholastic Book Fair

The Preschool is hosting the Scholastic Book Fair next week. Hours of operation will be before and after class Monday through Thursday. The fair will also be open during Family Nights on Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:00. The fair is a great opportunity for you and your family to purchase quality books at a very reasonable price. Proceeds from the fair will be used to promote the Reading Challenge for the preschool children, as well as add to the preschool library. We appreciate your support of the preschool, while encouraging your emergent reader at home.

Volunteers are still needed. If you would like to help out please go to the following the link.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084badaa2aa4f58-scholastic>

Family Nights October 4 & 5

Times: 5:30 to 7:00

We hope that you and your family will be able to attend our Family Night. The evening will be centered around what we would consider to be a typical day within the preschool.

You and your family will be able to travel to all the Classrooms experiencing fun and engaging hands-on activities. The open house format allows you to move around the preschool at your own pace. We hope that you will take the time to visit the book fair with your child.

Physicals Are Due!!!!

The State of Ohio requires that each child have a current medical form on file. Children without the medical form cannot attend school, so **PLEASE** make sure that you have turned in the form by **Monday, October 3!!!**

Questions??

contact

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Pumpkins Wanted

Each of our classrooms are in need of donated pumpkins for carving. If you are interested in donating a pumpkin, please contact your child's teacher.



All Star Readers



We will be kicking off our reading challenge the week, of October 3rd in conjunction with the Family Nights and the Scholastic Book Fair. The staff has been thrilled with response we have had with this program over the past few years, and sincerely hope that you and your child will enjoy the time shared reading. It would be so fantastic if we had 100% participation!



Dress-Up Pretend Days

October 31-November 1



Children may dress up for Halloween on their scheduled day. Please check with your child's teacher as to which day they are participating. The teachers and children will parade throughout the halls, classrooms and the playground. Ideally, the playground would be a perfect place for parents to take photos and to watch the parade.

Please no masks, as it is hard for the children to maneuver the steps and climbing equipment. We would like to be able to remove their costumes after the parade, to avoid the children becoming overheated and to enable us to keep your child's costume clean. Therefore, the children will need to wear their regular clothing under their costumes. We will place your child's costume in their book bag.

Picture Forms are Due

Megan Vance will be taking individual and class photos October 13, 14 & 15.

Please turn in your order form to your child's teachers as soon as possible.



Letter of the Week

October 3: Letter T
October 10: Letter B
October 17: L
October 24: F
October 31: H



OCTOBER THEMES

Trees & Fall Leaves
All Star Readers
Caterpillars
Johnny Appleseed
Owl Babies by Martin Waddell
Bats
Ladybugs
Spiders
Octo-Bear-Fest
Scarecrows
Pumpkins
Let's Pretend

OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 1: Tuition Due

October 3 - 6: Book Fair

October 4 & 5: Family Nights

October 21: Inservice Day
No School

October 13, 14 & 15: Picture Days

October 24 & 25: Christy Sturtz
Visiting Author

October 31 & November 1: Dress
Up Days



Lunch Bunch



What is Lunch Bunch all about? We would like to provide you with additional information concerning the Lunch Bunch program. Throughout the school year we will be offering 2 and 3 week sessions of Lunch Bunch. Your child will be taken to lunch bunch or dropped off in their classroom by the preschool staff, depending on if they are morning or afternoon students. Hence, you are not required to do anything. The children will enjoy their packed lunch with the other students and teachers. This allows the children extra time with friends and the parents extra time for work, to run errands, exercise or spend time with a younger sibling.

After having lunch, the children participate in a project, most likely based on a book they are reading that particular week. This year we will be focusing on the "letter of the week." The children will have an opportunity to participate in a group art creation for each letter, hear a story and create an individual art to take home. The students are generally very excited to be able to eat lunch at school like the "big kids."

Our first lunch bunch session begins next week. We still have room in our Tuesday and Friday sessions. Please contact the office if you would like your child to participate.

Storytime & Play with Ms. J.

I was very excited to introduce myself to all of you last week. My time spent with the children is such a joy for me. Last week we spent time with Old MacDonald and a barnyard of animals found on a farm. The children identified each animal by listening to the sounds they make and/or the word clues given about each animal. The boys and girls met the chicken that laid all the shakky eggs that we use to move and dance with all around our room.

Our journey through the alphabet began this week. Aa was our first letter, which was a perfect match for our book "Apple Trouble." Now that autumn is here, Hedge the hedgehog built a nest in preparation for the fast approaching colder weather. Unfortunately he runs into trouble. An apple falls from the tree and sticks to him. Squirrel, pig and frog come to the rescue and try to help, but only make matters worse. The children counted with me as more items become stuck. We did some serious problem solving as to how our animal friends would help Hedge. One child suggested that we get an elephant to blow off the items. If you have a chance, ask your child how the story ended.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you next week during our scheduled Family Nights. Please take the time to stop in room 106, I think you will be excited to see what is happening.

Sincerely,

Ms. J.

