

# OCTOBER

Dear families,

September has come and gone! The children had a busy month of sorting objects, learning about themselves and each other, and learning new songs and dances. They are continuing to adapt to their new environment and are doing a great job!

The children have shown an interest in our music area. They spend a great deal of time playing with the instruments and exploring the various sounds they can make while moving the instruments in different ways. We are going to expand their interest and spend some time learning about instruments, making music, and sounds. We will also be talking about tone, tempo, and vibrations. The children will have many opportunities to experience different genres of music during this unit (country, classical, jazz etc). Please let me know if you play an instrument or have an idea for making instruments/music because we would love to have you come share your talent or idea with the children. So far we have made shakers, please encourage your child to use their shakers while you sing or listen to various songs.

Our math concept for this month is Number Concepts. The activities we will be doing will work on one-to-one correspondence, comparing groups of objects using terms "more", "fewer", and "same". We will be counting objects and matching number names to groups of objects. We will be learning and singing "The Itsy, Bitsy Spider" and doing activities related to the nursery rhyme. Please sing the song at home with your child.

Our Fall Carnival is Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those of you who volunteered to help us at the Looking Zoo. I will send home more information as the date approaches. Please consider joining our class as we walk around and visit a variety of booths on a beautiful Fall day! Let me know if you are interested in joining your child at the Fall Carnival.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. I will send home more information as the dates approach. We look forward to meeting with you and talking about the development of your child.



Important Reminders (on next page):

- \*\*\*10/2- Balloons Aloft- 7:00 am @SSP Soccer Field
- \*\*\* 10/7-10/8-Inservice Days- No School
- \*\*\* 10/9- Fall Break- No School
- \*\*\* 10/20- Family Fun Night- "Daddy and Me" 5:30 pm
- \*\*\* 10/26-10/27- School Pictures
- \*\*\*10/29-10/30- Parent-Teacher Conferences- No School
- \*\*\* Please send library books and bags back by Thursday
- \*\*\* H1N1 Nurse Advice Line 1-877-725-2552- call if you have questions
- \*\*\* \$10 snack fee due by October 13<sup>th</sup>

We are excited to welcome Shelly Mickens to our teaching team. She is our Educational Assistant and has been a great addition to the classroom!

Thank you for your support!

Ms. Andrea and Ms. Shelly