

October 2009 Preschool Newsletter  
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Dear Families,

With October here and a change in season, our theme this month is "**Signs of Fall: Apples, Leaves, and Pumpkins**". We will be searching for leaves and other outdoor items that reflect fall including feathers, pine cones, leaves, seeds, sticks, etc. Please help your child identify these fall items in the environment and **SEND THEM IN** for show and tell at our science center.

We will begin to emphasize more heavily the preschool concepts involving shapes, colors and size. This month we will focus on the shape **CIRCLE**, the colors **ORANGE** and **BLACK** and the sizes **SMALL**, **MEDIUM** and **LARGE**. *Your child will begin to identify these concepts in their everyday world the more they hear about it. Remember, you are their first and most important teacher! Learning to read and write begins very early in life. As early as two or three, children can identify signs, labels, and logos in their environment.*

Our **5th Annual Fall Carnival** will be held on Friday, October 16th. We have many exciting, fun things planned but in order to make it a success, we need your help!! A volunteer sign up sheet has been sent home. If you are not able to volunteer, we strongly encourage you to attend with your child if possible. This is a wonderful, opportunity to have fun with your child in a safe, supportive environment!

- Books we are reading include My Five Senses, Apples and Pumpkins, & Rosie's Walk
- *We are beginning to sequence between 2 - 3 events. You can practice with your child by asking them to "retell" the story: what comes first in the story, what happened next, and how did the story end. This skill takes a lot of practice because the children are learning new thinking skills and it requires reinforcement at home by adult readers.*
- Songs & rhymes we'll be learning include "The Leaves are Falling Down", and "Five Little Pumpkins Sitting on a Gate". *Rhyming and repetition are absolutely critical in helping children develop an awareness of the sounds of language. Singing and rhyming are also easy and fun ways to teach anything!*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, Oct 2, Balloons Aloft, 7:00 am

Wednesday/Thursday/Friday, Oct. 8, 9 & 10 - Inservice Day & Fall Break **NO SCHOOL**

Friday, Oct 16, Fall Carnival (during school hours)

Tuesday, Oct 20, Family Fun Night: "Daddy and Me" 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Thursday, Oct 22, Financial Literacy Class begins: 6 - 8 pm

Monday & Tuesday, Oct. 26 & 27, School Pictures

### CLASSROOM HOUSEKEEPING

- Snack fee: \$10.00 for October
- Reminder: Please call the attendance line if your child is absent: 892-7735
- Spare clothes: Please send in a *seasonal* change of clothes. Please also provide your child with a jacket and appropriate shoes with the change in weather.
- Please send in fall items for our science center.

### LITERACY CORNER

The leaves are falling down,  
The leaves are falling down,  
Red, yellow, orange and brown,  
The leaves are falling down.

### MATH CORNER

- sorting objects and items into size (small, medium, large), color, shape
  - categorizing into groups
  - "same" and "different"
    - "just one"
    - "one more"
  - counting objects 1 - 5

Remember, keep reading, writing and rhyming with your child!

Ms. Joan and Ms. Carol