

October News

Room 101- Sarah Mitchell



Happy Fall! The year is off to a great start! I have enjoyed getting to know your children and seeing them get to know each other and find common interests. I know that we will have lots of fun learning and growing together in the year ahead. I am impressed with how quickly the kids are getting the schedule and routines down. The cooler temperatures bring new routines and challenges as we add jackets and eventually more as winter sets in. Please keep this in mind when purchasing winter gear. We are trying to foster independence so kids should be able to put on all their own winter clothing. Please help set them up for success by finding kid-friendly winter gear. Boots or jackets with lots of frills seem good in theory but often end up leading to frustration for kids. And please save gloves for home- those little fingers often need help finding each finger spot and leave classmates sweating as they wait for friends to be ready. :)

October Learning Themes- Fire Safety and Community Helpers

October is a busy month! We will kick off the month with a week centered around the book [Last Stop on Market Street](#) by Matt de la Peña. The week will be highlighted by a performance of it at the Children's Theater Company. We will have a visit from the fire department during Fire Prevention Week (October 8-11) so we will spend some time learning about how to be safe in and around fires. This is a great time to review your family's action plan for staying safe at home in the event of a fire. Firefighters will be the first of many people at work in our community that we will feature. Of course we will take some time for Halloween stories and projects at the end of the month.

October Dates

Field Trip- Children's Theater Company

Wednesday, October 3

Fire Truck Visit

TBD

Picture Day

Thursday, October 11

NO School- MEA

October 17 & 18

Conferences

October 22-24- after school

Pumpkin Patch & Petting Zoo

Thursday, October 25

Halloween Party

Wednesday, October 31

Coming up in November... Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

More about this month...

Sharing- It was fun to see the kids share their All About Me Bags and many are eager to have more opportunities to show and tell. The format of our sharing time will change throughout the year so please watch the newsletter for details. This month we will go with a traditional "show and tell." The kids can bring in something to share (SMALL toy, book, picture, found object, etc) and tell the class about it. Please take a minute or two to talk about what your child will say. This is also a chance for us to practice being good listeners and asking questions of our friends to learn more! See schedule for sharing days.

Halloween Party- We will have a Halloween party on October 31st. Students are invited to wear costumes that aren't scary or violent. We will go trick-or-treating in the church, as well as parade our costumes for the residents of The Waters. I will also have opportunities for parent volunteers to help with our Halloween party that day so let me know if you are interested!

As always, please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, updates, etc. either in person, by phone or text (612-810-5906) or by email (smitchell@lakeharrietumpreschool.org).