

Mrs. Schubloom's Preschool News

October 2017



What a pleasure it has been getting to know your children! We've had a great start to our school year. Each child is beginning to settle into his/her new classroom routine and for those who stay until 1:00 PM, they have done a great job transitioning into the longer day☺. They are a friendly group of children and are doing an amazing job at taking turns, sharing, listening at circle time and making lots of new friends! I hope they have been telling you the names of some of the children in the class. If you would like, we have been busy making some classroom books that you may "check out" from our classroom library. This is a good way for you to learn the names of other children in your child's class. Please remember to bring the book back the **next day** to allow another family to "check" it out also.

October Learning Theme:

On The Job: We will begin the month by learning about the many wonderful people who help us in our community. During the second week of October, we will be doing a fire safety unit (Fire Prevention week is the week of October 9th). A big thank you goes out to Oliver's dad (who is a fire fighter) and will come to preschool with other Minneapolis firefighters and a fire engine for the preschoolers to explore!

Fall Changes and Halloween Fun: Fall is in the air! What a great time of year for preschoolers to learn about the many wonderful (and colorful) changes in our world. I especially enjoy experiencing it through their eyes as they pay attention to every detail. The last few days in October, we will be getting our room ready for a classroom Halloween party on Tuesday, October 31st. Volunteers will be needed (more information below). As you can see, it will be a fun and busy month!

Walking Through the Alphabet:

We will begin our "walk through the alphabet" this month where we will be focusing on the letters **P, M, H, N**. Through books, songs and projects we will continue strengthening each child's pre-reading skills! We will also be constructing "Letter of the Week" posters (more info about this will be sent home in your child's purple bag).

Week of October 9- **P, p**

Week of October 16- **M, m**

Week of October 23- **H, h**

Week of October 30- **N, n**

Beginning of the Day Routine:

Beginning this month, please try to say your goodbyes by the classroom door. I will be there to help assist the children with the beginning of the day routine (hanging up their purple bag, washing hands, and signing-in). This will help each child further develop his/her independence and self-help skills (most of you are already doing this so a "BIG BRAVO" to you)!

"Junior Teacher" Time (Big Kid Sharing):

This month we will begin our "Junior Teacher" sharing time. Please see the online schedule for your child's specific date. It can be found at www.lakeharrietumpreschool.org under room 102 classroom information (it is also posted on the lower bulletin board just outside the classroom door). Sharing is a great way to improve verbal skills and develop confidence when speaking in front of a group. Rather than sharing an object, each child will teach us how to do something. I would like them to break it down into three steps. For example, to make a piece of toast you **first** have to put the bread in the toaster, **second** you have to press the toaster button down and **third** you have to butter the toast once it is done. I will have the first sharing opportunity so the children can see how to do it and ask questions they may have.

Volunteer Opportunities:

On Tuesday, October 13th we will be going on a fieldtrip to Minnetonka Apple Orchards. I do have enough volunteers already. Thank you to all who have offered! We will leave on the bus at 9:00 AM so please bring your child to preschool at **8:45 AM** (no need to come any earlier). We will return to preschool around 11:30 AM (pick up will be as usual for the shorter day children). We will then continue on with our preschool day, so those who are in the longer day, please remember to pack a lunch (pick up will be at the normal 1:00 PM time☺). On Tuesday, October 31st we will be having a classroom Halloween party from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM. I will need three volunteers to help with this. Let me know if you are interested and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the parent information board just inside the classroom. Thanks!

Dates to Remember:

October 3- Fieldtrip to Minnetonka Orchards (8:45 AM - 11:30 AM)

- October 5- "Junior Teacher" Time Begins
- October 5- Coffee & Book Orders Due
- October 11- Fire Engine at Preschool (10:00 AM)
- October 12- Picture Day ☺
- October 18- No School (Fall Break)
- October 19- No School (Fall Break)
- October 26- Pumpkin Patch & Petting Zoo (At Preschool)
- October 31- Classroom Halloween Party (**Volunteers Needed**)

Looking ahead...

- November 14- Fall Conferences (starting after preschool)
- November 16- Charlie Brown Thanksgiving (**Volunteers Needed**)
- November 17- Fall Conferences
- November 20-23- Thanksgiving Break (Preschool Closed)
- November 27- Preschool Resumes

Please call or email if you have any questions or concerns. I am always here to help. Thanks!

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