

Mrs. Schubloom's Preschool News

October 2018



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 8th). A firetruck will be visiting our preschool that week for the children to explore! Minneapolis firefighters **love** to share what they do with our Lake Harriet preschoolers.

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 Wednesday, 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 **N, W, P**. 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 8- **N, n**

Week of October 15- Fall Break

Week of October 22- **W, w**

Week of October 29- **P, p**

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.

Fall Conferences Tuesday (10/23) & Friday (10/26):

I am looking forward to meeting with each of you personally to discuss the social and emotional growth of your child. If you would like to meet, please sign up for a conference time on the sign-up sheet just outside the classroom door. The conference will be about 15 minutes. Please arrange for childcare during this time so we can focus on our discussion. Let me know if you have any questions. I will be sending home a questionnaire for you and your child to complete prior to our conference. Please bring it back as soon as you fill it out-thanks!

Volunteer Opportunities:

On Wednesday, October 3rd we will be going on a fieldtrip to the Children's Theater Company. We will see the play *Last Stop on Market Street*. The bus will leave at 9:30 AM, so please bring your child to preschool at **9:15 AM** that day. The later start time will allow you to feed your child a good breakfast as no snack will be served that day. We will return

to preschool around noon. We will then continue on with our regular preschool day. On Wednesday, 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. Children can wear their Halloween costumes to school that day (they are already talking about it☺). After our classroom Halloween party, we will be walking across the parking lot to "parade" our costumes in front of the people who live at the Waters Senior Living. Intergenerational opportunities are a great way for children and elders to share experiences, knowledge and skills together!

Dates to Remember:

- October 3- Fieldtrip to Children's Theater Company
- October 9- "Junior Teacher" Time Begins
- October 4- Coffee & Book Orders Due
- October 8-10- Fire Engine at Preschool (Fire Prevention Week)
- October 11- Picture Day ☺
- October 17- No School (Fall Break)
- October 18- No School (Fall Break)
- October 23- Fall Conferences (After Preschool)
- October 26- Fall Conferences (All Morning)
- October 25- Pumpkin Patch & Petting Zoo (At Preschool)
- October 31- Classroom Halloween Party (**Volunteers Needed**)

Looking ahead...

- November 15- Charlie Brown Thanksgiving (**Volunteers Needed**)
- November 19-22- Thanksgiving Break (Preschool Closed)
- November 26- Preschool Resumes

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

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