



4's Focus!!



Mayflower Preschool

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Issue 2

Welcome Autumn!!

The First 30 days...

Wow... has it ever been a busy month here in our classroom! We have concluded our unit on families, friends and all about me and are moving on to learning all about colors, community helpers and then into autumn. We have enjoyed learning so much about your child and we know that they have had just as much fun learning about our friends in the classroom. The Grand Rapids township fireman will be visiting and we will get to see all the fascinating things on his truck including the flashing lights.

We have one new item added to our daily and weekly routines, Zoophonics! Please have your child bring in a picture for the letter of the week for our bulletin board! For example if we are on letter "B", your child can bring a "B" picture Monday, Wednesday or Friday of that week!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!!

Ari October 18th



Fun Fall Activities

Fall brings with it a ton of fun ideas for you and your children to enjoy together at home:

**Leaf rubbings with peeled crayons, hammer golf tees into a large pumpkin (they will LOVE this), read as many fall-themed books as possible, visit Robinettes or Koetsiers and go on a hayride, carve a pumpkin & have your child sort the goop from the seeds, collect acorns and use them for counting practice, make patterns with red and yellow leaves, use tweezers on dried corn to pick out kernels (great fine motor skill!) and so much more!! ☺ Enjoy what we can before the snow flies!

Some Ideas for Home...

Your child has started to practice writing his/her name with us this month in the classroom. We will have a sample of this taken from each month so that we can show you the progress (s)he has made at conferences in November and March. Please keep in mind that each child develops certain skills at different times than others, and if this is an area where you see your little one becoming frustrated or refusing to try, here are some fun ideas to encourage further practice: use shaving cream on a cookie sheet... writing letters with a capped pen or a finger in this is great fun! Pour salt on a colored plate, same idea and also a ton of fun. You can write your child's name first and then ask him/her to trace over it in a different color. Using wiki stix (little wax strips) is a fun way to form letters as well. With all of us working together, this skill will be mastered in no time at all! Thanks for your help and encouragement!!

Monthly Character Trait

Every month at Mayflower a character trait is introduced and focused on throughout daily instruction and routines. During the month of October we will be talking about **SHARING**. We will learn how, and why, we should share with our friends and siblings. We will acknowledge that sharing is indeed hard, but rewarding at the same time when done well. We will be acting out some sharing situations and then have the kids evaluate each scenario. We hope, but won't promise, to graduate your child to a "Master Sharer" in just 4 short weeks! ☺ At home when a good "sharing situation" arises, talk it out with your child explaining to him/her why sharing is important and praise any wonderful sharing behavior that you observe!

Please see attached sheet for October snack schedule

This Month's Highlights

Oct 1-5 Community helpers

Oct 8-12 Apple unit

Oct 15-19 Fall leaves and pumpkins

Oct 22-26 Bats, spiders and ghosts... we will be messy this week, so be prepared with Oxy- clean while doing the laundry! Pumpkin goop and glitter are guaranteed to be all over the place this week! We know you just love us for that. 😊

Oct 29 - Nov. 2nd Halloween festivities and start of Woodland animals

Student Reminders:

- Our next show & tell: **Monday, Oct. 29th**
- Get those Halloween costumes ready!
- Smiles & laughter are required here!



Upcoming Important Events!

October 2nd Fall Festival

October 8th Big Bob fundraiser

October 10th Picture Day

October 31st Halloween party (10:45) Wear your costume to school!

Charleston Wrap fundraiser entire month of October

Parent Reminders:

A few things to keep in mind for the month:

1. Donations of creative "junk" (seasonal or not) are truly appreciated; our students seem to go through our junk stash every week!
2. It is getting colder... coats, mittens and even hats are great ideas for morning outdoor play!

Thank You Students & Parents!

The two of us wanted to thank you again for helping make our family picnic last month so much fun for both your child and us! We really enjoyed getting to know each one of you a bit better and look forward to more opportunities like that in the future. A special thanks to those parents who brought yummy treats and drinks to the park... they were enjoyed by all! What a great start to the year we have had...thank you for helping to make your little one's transition into 4's such a smooth one!

Miss Kristen and Miss Sarah