

## **October Newsletter**

We're off to a terrific start to our school year! The children are enjoying their time with us and are starting to learn the routines, navigate the environment around them and get to know their new friends. They are good listeners and love to participate during circle time!

Our "All About Me" and "Under the Sea" themes were a great success. Each child shared their All About Me page and we got to learn about our new friends. Among many other things, we measured our height with a ribbon, labeled the human body in Science and made self-portraits. We read stories about sea creatures and enjoyed showing off our starfish. We enjoyed our sink and float Science experiment and painting our own "Rainbow Fish". We had our first Bible lesson about God and how he made us unique and special. We read many related stories and sang some new songs! This month our theme is "Sizes, Shapes, Colors, Numbers and Halloween". We will measure and count and do many fun projects with shapes. We will have color hunts and do some color mixing too. We will fingerpaint soon! Halloween and our October bulletin board are right around the corner so be prepared to see some fun decorations hanging around the school. This month our sensory table will have colored pasta inside that we dye and mix ourselves. Halloween toys will be in there too.

Every week on your child's first class session of the week, we will begin working on the letter of the week. Each week you'll see a dot paint letter page with a picture that begins with the letter's sound and an upper and lower case tracing page. It would be beneficial to make them into an alphabet book that your child can use to practice at home. At circle time, we will introduce each letter, its sound and words that begin with each letter. Lastly, we will have a hands-on letter activity table with tactile and magnetic letters, letter games, matching and manipulatives.

Reminder that school is closed on October 9th and our field trip is on October 10th. We have an upcoming visit from the fire department on October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Dance studio and chapel time begin this month as well. Looking ahead, we have picture days on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Our Halloween parades will be on October 29th (T,TH am class) and 30th (M,W,F am class). Please have your child come to school in their costume as the parade will begin immediately after drop-off. Also note, you will be required to change your child back into their school clothes after the parade, so it will be easiest and most preferred if their "regular" clothes are underneath their costumes. Should this be impossible, make sure to bring a change of clothes (and shoes, if needed). We do this so we can still have a proper school day without the distraction of everyone's costume and so that their costume does not get ruined before the actual Halloween day! More specifics with information to come soon from Mrs. Delgado. Also, please look in the hallway soon for the sign-up sheets for the Halloween party. Please note, the party is just for the children and will happen later on that same day (the 29th or 30th). Thanks for the support!

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