



## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

We've had such a wonderful couple of weeks together and we're off to a great start meeting new friends, familiarizing ourselves with classroom routines and learning some exciting new things. Though we've been teaching for many years, it's always amazing to witness how easily the children adjust to the new environment of a school setting and to all the new people around them. They really are the definition of resilient – us parents, not so much! J

We hope you've enjoyed the fun things that were sent home so far. The children have been great listeners and seem very proud of their finished products. Our personal favorite was the "All About Me" interview sheet that was recently sent home. It provided us an opportunity to sit one-on-one with your child as well as get them comfortable talking to us. We learned some things about them and perhaps you did too.

Looking ahead, we will begin learning letters, their sounds, how to begin tracing/writing them and learn some words that begin with each letter's sound. Our goal is to utilize a multidisciplinary approach, whereby immersing the children in the letter from every avenue we can. For example, for the letter A, we will incorporate Science, Math, Language and Art lessons. For Science, we will learn about the parts of an apple and how they grow, for Math, we will graph and tally our favorite apple after a taste test, for Language, we will read a couple of books and a poem about apples, and for Art, we will do an apple printing craft. We hope you enjoy seeing all the upcoming activities we will do.

### IMPORTANT NOTICES:

- We will have the Moorestown Fire Department and their shiny red truck visit our school once again. Dates to follow. The firemen are great with the children and teach them such valuable lessons about fire safety. We will also have our first fire drill soon...it's so loud so we're expecting some tears (probably from me J) but it is a required event.
- On October 26th, from 5-8pm, if you head to the Centerton Square Chick-Fil-A, a portion of the proceeds from the sales will go to our school. You may even see a Step-by-Step teacher there! This is a great fundraising event, and we appreciate the support.
- We will have a Halloween parade at school for our class on Thursday, October 28th right after drop off (a few minutes after 9:00am). The children should come to school with their costumes on over their clothes. Weather permitting, you should drop your child off as per usual, and then we will exit the building in a class line and make a loop outside around the cemetery (it is Halloween after all J). If we run into inclement weather, we will parade around Fellowship Hall, so after drop off, you should enter through the church and follow the signs. After the parade, parents will remove costumes and we will continue with our regular school day and Halloween party (for the class only). Sign-ups for party contributions will be emailed soon. More information to follow from Amy.
- Our room parents for the class are McKenna's mom Lauren O'Hanlan and Tommy's mom Steph Eastwick. Thank you both in advance for your help!

Happy Fall!

Jennifer Landesman and Kristi Illum