

## **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! 😊

We hope you've enjoyed hearing from your child about their preschool day. They have been great listeners and seem very eager to learn. Our personal favorite activity so far was the *The Kissing Hand* handprint that we recently completed. It provided us with an opportunity to sit one-on-one with your child as well as get them comfortable talking to us.

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 (STEAM) 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 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. 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 😊) but it is a required event.
- Lunch buddies and extended day activities begin on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please look for detailed information soon.
- Our first field trip is on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30, at Johnson's Locust Hall Farm. Permission slips and further information to follow.
- We will have a Halloween parade at school for our class on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 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. If we run into inclement weather, we will parade inside, 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 and room parents only). Party contribution sign-up genius will be emailed soon!
- Our room parents for the class are Sofia's mom, Liliana Cepa and Alexis's mom, Caitlin Gordon. Our class photographers are Nolan's mom, Sara Coffey and Sienna's mom, Brittany Imperiale. Thank you all in advance for your help!

Happy Fall!

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