

October Newsletter

September was an exciting month. We saw old friends and made new ones. This month was all about getting to know our classmates and pre-k procedures (choice time, learning time, songs, prayers and all kinds of opportunities for exploration).

From the start of the school year, the students heard encouraging language to promote success through effort. "In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment," writes psychologist Carol Dweck.

I hope to provide the students with challenges that help them develop their abilities through practice, perseverance, and most importantly, FUN! The kids are going to continue on their paths to becoming future readers, writers, scientists, mathematicians, historians or whatever they so choose. They may not be them YET but anything is possible with imagination and a growth mindset!

October will be just as exciting. We are looking forward to an outdoor visit from the Moorestown Fire Department. The firefighters will teach us all about fire safety and show us one of their trucks. We will also be learning a new letter of the alphabet every week and doing STEAM activities connected to our letter.

Fall field trips are back! We are so excited to be able to take a trip to Johnson's Farm Locust Hall, where we will learn about pumpkins & apples and get to pick both! The cost of the field trip is \$15 per person, and all family members are welcome to join us. Please keep your eye out for the field trip forms.

On pleasant Wednesdays, we will participate in the Pre-K Runners tradition, so please have your child wear sneakers. The children will learn about good sportsmanship while having fun running a lap around the cemetery loop!

Last but not least, we will have the Halloween parade on Wednesday, October 26th and party on Friday, October 28th. For the parade, please bring your child dressed in costume overtop of his/her clothes. You will drop your child off and then take your place along the parade route (hopefully outdoors). After the parade, we will do a short Halloween performance for you, and then you will help your child remove his/her costume before you leave. As the Halloween party gets closer, you will receive more information on how you can contribute to making it a fun celebration.

Happy Fall, Y'all!

Important Dates:

- TBD Moorestown Fire Dept Visit
- 10/4 Lunch buddies begins
- 10/20 Field Trip to Johnson's Farm Locust Hall
- 10/26 Halloween Parade
- 10/28 Halloween Party

Growth Mindset Quote for Kids:

"I am in charge of how smart I am because I can grow my brain like a muscle by learning hard things." - Big Life Journal

Growth Mindset Quote for Adults

"When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals, adjust the action steps." - Confucius