

# 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 kicking off the month picture day on October 2nd. This is a change from the date you originally received so please modify your calendars. You may dress to impress that day, but send in sneakers to change into when pictures are done. On October 8th, we will have our Fall field trip to Johnson's Locust Farm. We will have so much fun pumpkin and apple picking as a whole school. Sometime during the month of October, we will have a special visit from the Moorestown Fire Department. The firefighters will teach us all about fire safety and show us one of their trucks. I will let you know the date in advance, so you can prepare your child if they need a heads-up. In addition to all the extras, we will be learning a new letter of the alphabet every week and doing STEAM activities connected to our letter.

On pleasant Thursdays, 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 lap around the cemetery loop! Most kids enjoy this challenge, but for those who don't, walking will be an option.

Last but not least, we will have the Halloween parade on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, and the Halloween party the same day. For the parade, please bring your child dressed in costume overtop of his/her clothes. You will drop off your child 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. Our room parents will stay to run the Halloween party. As the 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:

- 10/1 Lunch buddies begins
- 10/2 School pictures
- 10/8 Field trip
- 10/30 Halloween parade
- 10/30 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