



October 2019 Newsletter

General News

With the onset of cool fall weather there is an increased number of jackets, hats and sweaters. Please label all outdoor clothing with your child's name. It is a great help.

October is Fire Prevention Month

Each class will be having fire drills and discussions of fire safety.

The Ladybugs are Coming

Our shipment of ladybugs will arrive soon. Each classroom has a ladybug home and we will observe and study ladybugs. They eat aphids and are very helpful to the farmer.

School Pictures

The children will have their school pictures taken on Thursday, November 7th and Friday, November 8th. More information will follow later.



BACKPACK DO'S & DON'TS

Backpacks are mainly used to send papers home. It is important to monitor what your child has in their backpack since they are hung up in an area that is accessible to all children.

What to pack:

- Lunch (only on Lunch Bunch days)

What NOT to pack:

- Money
- Hand sanitizer
- Medications of any kind, over the counter or prescription. All medications must be given to the teacher
- Food (except on Lunch Bunch days). Please do not pack any snacks or beverages. We provide snack and juice/water.
- Toys, toys from home can be lost or broken. They can be very distracting especially when we are packing backpacks at the end of the day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

COLUMBUS DAY

No school Monday, Oct. 14th

LUNCH BUNCH

Pre K Class Mondays & Friday's 12:00-1:00 p.m.
(2-Day Lunch Bunch begins in November)

3rd TUITION PAYMENT October 15th

HOE DOWN

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| Pre-k | Wednesday, October 30th |
| 2 day | Thursday, October 31st |

PAJAMA PARTY

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| Transitional Class | Wednesday, October 31st |
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More information of the reverse side.

2-Day and PreK

Hoe Down



On **Wednesday, October 30th and Thursday, October 31st** we will be having our fall "Hoe Down." The children and teachers can wear jeans, overalls, flannel shirts, farm animal costumes or anything in keeping with the harvest or fall theme.

Room parents will be handling the sign up for volunteers and treats.

(This is not a Halloween party.)

Transitional Class



We will be continuing with our study of the bee and will be doing science experiments on evaporation and the sense of smell. The beekeeper will be visiting us on Friday, October 18th.

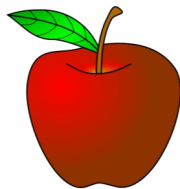
We will be learning about night on the farm and will have a pajama party on Thursday, October 31st. So bring your favorite stuffed animal and cozy pajamas and get ready to enjoy a pajama party and pretend its night at school.

Room parents will be handling the sign up for volunteers and treats.



Pre K

We are learning about the seasons by observing the colors of the trees outside our classroom window. This month we will illustrate our fall tree with changing leaves. We will continue our farm unit with the barnyard puppets, chunky stamps, farm songs, pumpkin activities and we will make applesauce..



Keeping In Touch!

The teachers will be making brief calls to each parent over the next few weeks. The purpose of the call is to touch base and let you know how your child is making the transition to his/her new environment. This is an opportunity for you to share information about this adjustment as well. As always, please feel free to speak to the teachers at any time with questions or concerns you may have. We are looking forward to talking with you.

Lunch Bunch



Our Lunch Bunch Program has started with a huge turn out! Children love having lunch with their friends, and they are developing and reinforcing skills such as:

- Social/emotional - turn taking, manners
- Speech/language - starting to, and participating in conversations, new vocabulary, listening when appropriate
- Self Help - Serving themselves, washing hands, cleaning up spills (often helping each other which builds teamwork)
- Fine motor - opening containers, using utensils

All of these skills and more are being practiced during Lunch Bunch. This will not only help your child to be more self sufficient, but will also help build self-confidence!

Please Note:

For your convenience - our newsletter will also be available on our website:

www.readingpreschool.org

Sincerely,

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