



October Parent Newsletter

LOOKING BACK AT SEPTEMBER

During the month of September, the Two's through Preschool learned all about Apples, All About Me, Pets, and Wild Animals! They drew self-portraits, counted apples, read the book Ten Apples Up On Top, and talked about the pets they have at home.

The Infants explored the concept of big and little by watching little seeds outside turn into big plants! The Toddlers decorated triangles, made handprint animals and searched all around their classrooms for items that are red.

LOOKING AHEAD AT C.A.R.E.S.

Character Value of the Month

"Helpfulness"

The feature book this month is Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site by Sherri Rinker!

The Twos, Threes and Pre-K classes will learn all about Community, Careers and Nocturnal Animals through a variety of art, handwriting and reading activities!

LOOKING AHEAD AT TODDLERS AND INFANTS

During the month of October, the Infant and Toddler rooms will focus on the colors black and orange, as well as the circle and square shapes. They will read books about all different things that have wheels. Their signs of the month are "drink" and "thirsty."



It can be fun to go on a scavenger hunt for shapes! Sometimes classes venture around the school looking for various shapes and then show off what they find. Whether you are at home or driving in the car, you can make a game out of finding things that are circle or square. This helps bring our themes from school home with your child and encourages more observation of their environment!



OCTOBER CENTER EVENTS

Lighthouse Halloween Party

SAVE THE DATE! Friday, October 25th at 3:30pm

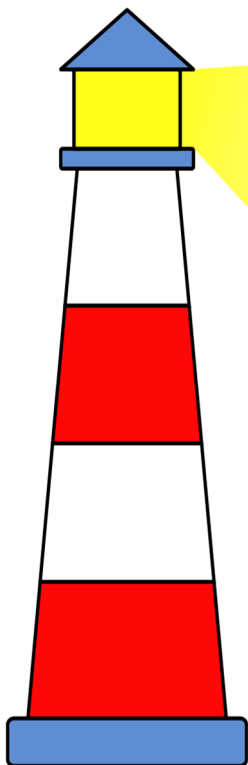
We invite all families to come join us for some Halloween-themed games and fun. We also encourage everyone to wear costumes to school on this day! Treats are welcome, but not necessary. If you do bring a treat to share, please make sure it is store bought, nut-free and has the ingredient list printed on it.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Each class will decorate a pumpkin to submit to our contest this month! We will need YOU to cast your vote for your favorite pumpkin, so keep your eyes out for the pumpkins around school. We will choose a winner towards the end of the month!

Trick-or-Treating

On Halloween, the Preschool classes will go trick-or-treating! They are encouraged to wear costumes. More details are to come! ***Permission slips will be required for this activity, and parent volunteers are welcome!



OCTOBER COMMUNITY EVENT

SPOOKY ZOO

WHEN: Saturday, October 26th
10:00am-1:00pm

WHERE: Lincoln Park Zoo

2001 N. Clark Street, 60614

DESCRIPTION: Hosted annually by Lincoln Park Auxiliary Board, Spooky Zoo offers a free and safe alternative to trick-or-treating in Chicago.

OCTOBER COMMUNITY EVENT

HALLOWEEN AT ST. JUDE

No tricks. All treats. Send an online Halloween joke to the kids of St. Jude

https://www.stjude.org/get-involved/other-ways/halloween-treats-online-card.html?sc_cid=cll68647



Fan Fridays!

Every Friday in October, we invite everyone to dress in their favorite sports gear! College, professional, international...all sports and leagues are encouraged! Show off your spirit. We will be sure to take some team (and rival!) photos.

Heads up!

We will be doing a Tornado Drill this month. All teachers have been instructed on where to go with their classes during this drill. The children will walk (or roll in a crib) into the hallway and sit against a wall with their heads down and covered with their hands. The teachers will talk to the children about it before it happens, and we have done this drill before so the teachers and children are familiar with it already.

The holiday season is approaching already! Every year, we send out a survey to find out your attendance plans during the holiday weeks in November and December. This survey will be sent out via Tadpoles and email. Please keep your eyes out for it in the coming weeks!

Important Reminders!

- **The season is changing, the leaves are starting to fall and the weather is starting to get chilly! Please make sure your child has weather-appropriate clothing in their cubbies here at school. Also, we will continue to go outside as temperatures allow so it is best to send your child to school with layers!**
- **On Fridays, remember to take home and clean your child's water bottle and any nap items they use here at school. This helps keep the school germ-free and provides a fresh start each week!**

Thanks to everyone who attended Fall Fest last month and helped make it a success!

