

Sonshine Community Newsletter

Four-Year Classes

October 2023



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TOPICS OF THE MONTH:

During the month of October we will be talking about community helpers; specifically firemen and policemen. Safety concerns (i.e. fire safety, the use of seat belts, care with toys and sharp objects) are issues we will talk about with the children throughout the month.

Take time to establish fire safety procedures in your home and share them with your child. Establish a meeting place outside the home where the family will gather should a fire emergency occur. Have your child tell you if they see matches or lighters lying around. Play a "what if" game with your child. "What if" there was a fire in a garbage pail? Then, yell FIRE, and get a grown-up. "What if" your clothes caught on fire? Then STOP, DROP and ROLL.

Nursery rhymes provide a way for children to memorize and enjoy the rhythm of our English language. Through nursery rhymes we will focus on language development, science (i.e. in "Jack Be Nimble" talking about fire's need for oxygen and why we don't run if we catch on fire), and social studies. Rhythmic words have always been enjoyed by children and adults (note the popularity of books by Dr. Suess).

We will be noting the changes that take place around us during the fall season. Our letters for October are Bb, Cc, Dd and Ee. Our colors are yellow, orange, brown and red. We will practice recognizing circles, squares, and rectangles. We'll talk about the concept of small, medium and large using the story of Goldilocks.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE MONTH:

In October, we will carve an orange pumpkin changing him into a Jack-O-Lantern. Mr. Orange Pumpkin was "dark and yukky" inside until we put a candle in him and cleaned him out.

Each child will practice the fire prevention technique "STOP, DROP and ROLL" during group time. We will also be holding fire drills. Please be aware that your child may express some concerns regarding the loudness of the bell. We are emphasizing that this is the way we keep ourselves safe.

We will end the month with a Harvest Party on Wednesday, October 25th for the all classes. We will dress up, here, as mice and go on a hunt for a winter supply of food. We will need to bring in a harvest of food to last us through the cold winter months. During our Harvest party we will decorate round cookies by coating them with orange frosting and candy corn.

Watch for the sign-up sheet that will be posted at the front desk. If you can bake or buy plain circle shaped sugar cookies, NO frosted cookies, please sign up.

SPECIAL DATES TO NOTE:

October 9	Columbus Day - entire school closed
October 25	Harvest Party
October 27 & 28	Parent-Teacher Conferences/ NOON DISMISSAL

Mark Your Calendar:

November 1	Fall Fundraiser
October 30 & 31	Picture Day
November 22	Noon Dismissal
November 23 & 24	School Closed – Thanksgiving Break
December 8	NOON DISMISSAL All students will be performing in our Christmas Program on Friday at 7:00 p.m. (Children Arrive at 6:45pm)

BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

Luka-John Ibarra	Oct. 5
Castiel Marcano	Oct. 11
Melissa Avina Hernandez	Oct. 22

We like to celebrate each child's birthday with them. You need to speak to us about bringing in cupcakes, brownies or donut holes (**no cakes, please**), for your child's birthday. Each birthday child is treated with special honor on his/her special day and we like to plan it so that children with birthdays close together do not end up celebrating on the same day.

NEW SONGS/NURSERY RHYMES FOR THE MONTH:

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel? NO!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? NO!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? NO!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

BOOKS SHARED

Curious George Goes to the Fire Station
I'm Going to Be a Police Officer
When Autumn Comes
The Biggest Pumpkin Ever by Steven Kroll
I Want to Be a Firefighter by Edith Carlstrom

JACK BE NIMBLE

Jack be nimble, Jack be quick
Jack jump over the candlestick.

TWO LITTLE SQUIRRELS

Two little squirrels
Scampering in the woods.
Two little squirrels
Looking for some food.
Bright Eyes found two nuts,
Bushy Tail found two more.
How many nuts were there
For their winter store?

Corduroy's Pocket
Goldilocks
Clifford, the Firehouse Dog
Squirrels
Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf

ITEMS NEEDED:

For our Harvest Party, we will need circle-shaped plain sugar cookies (no frosting or colored sugar) for each child so that we can frost them and make a pumpkin face with raisins and candy corn. If you can help, please watch for our sign-up sheet that will be at the front desk.

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

You will need to sign up for a time to meet with your child's teacher in-person for an appointment for parent/teacher conferences. Sign up sheets will be at the front desk. If you are unable to attend in-person please let the teacher and director know via email or give us a call. We will make other arrangements to discuss your child's progress.

PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE CARED FOR BY A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER, AS WE BELIEVE IT IS NOT IN HIS/HER BEST INTEREST TO TALK IN FRONT OF HIM/HER.

LABELS need to be on all coats, jackets and sweaters! Unless your child's coat is labeled, it is difficult to know who belongs to which coat. Remember, we are looking at a coat rack with a number of coats that look the same!

All nursery school payments are due by the 10th of the month to avoid a late fee. By the 10th of this month you should have made a total of three payments (June 2024, September, 2023, October 2023).

Day Care payments should be made every two weeks. Bills have been sent home in your child's backpack or lunch bags for parents of Day Care children. If for some reason you have not received your bill please give us a call in the office. Payments should be made **at the beginning** of each two-week period.

If you happen to call the office and the phone is not picked up please leave a message. There are times when either Mrs. DeMaio or myself may be in a classroom or moving throughout the building, however, we regularly check the phone for messages.

The year is off to a great start! The children are adjusting to the school routines and activities. Thanks again for sharing your child with us. We are enjoying the uniqueness of each one.