

September / October Newsletter 2019

Teachers:

<u>Mrs. Glynn (Cathy)</u>	<u>Director:</u> I teach all day, every day, except on Wednesdays when I am at school from 11:00am - 1:00 pm.
<u>Mrs. McKiernan</u>	<u>Head Teacher:</u> 8 th year os staff teaching Monday –Thurs a.m. and Tues, Wed., Thurs. p.m.
<u>Mrs. Wallace</u>	6 th year on staff- teaching: Tues, Thurs, Fri. a.m.
<u>Mrs. Pennington</u>	5 th year on staff – LB, Wed a.m. class, and Tues/Thurs. a.m. class (until January)
<u>Mrs. Kaverud</u>	4 th year on staff – LB and Tues/Thurs. a.m. class,
<u>Mrs. Rice</u>	3 rd year on staff – LB and substitute
<u>Mrs. Popolizio</u>	1 st year on staff – teaching Monday, Wednesday, Friday all day.

NEW TEACHER: We are excited to have Tracy Popolizio join us this year. She has a degree in Early Childhood Ed/Special Ed. With a masters in Elementary Ed. Tracy has worked for 12 years in early intervention and 5 ½ years in the preschool classroom.

CLASS TIMES: Classes run from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. with an option for an additional hour of "Lunch Bunch". Our Extended Day program runs 9:00 – 3:30 p.m.

LUNCH BUNCH: Children may stay an hour longer in the morning class or come an hour earlier in the afternoon class. Your child can bring a lunch and eat at school with his classmates. Children will also have additional outdoor time, weather permitting. This is optional and parents need to give us at least a 24 hour notice if space provides. Cost is \$15/day

Parent Visits: Starting in November, parents are invited to spend a morning or afternoon at nursery school. This is to give you the opportunity to see what our program is like. This is limited to one mom or dad at a time, **any day except Wednesday**. We ask you to please make other arrangements for your younger children or babies. Sign up will begin at Open House. You may provide a healthy snack that day if you'd like. Just let us know.

What They Are Learning: Throughout the year we will be working on; 1) Language Development through oral expression and listening skills 2) Beginning Reading and Writing skills 3) Creative Expression through art, music, movement, rhythm and puppets 4) Social Studies 5) Science and Nature activities 6) Beginning Math 7) Dramatic Play 8) Creative Indoor and Outdoor Play 9) Conflict Resolution

This month your child will be learning the names of his classmates and teachers. We will be introducing cutting, tracing, easel painting, gluing and coloring.

Themes: Feelings, Halloween, and All About Me

Fall: We will be talking about leaves, trees, acorns, seeds, squirrels, apples and pumpkins.

We will learn several fall songs, finger plays, stories, and poems.

This Month's Colors: Orange and Black **This Month's Shape:** Circle

Halloween: October 28th & 29th

We will have a costume singing presentation. We will not have a costume presentation in the 3 year old morning class. In the past, we have found too many of the children are upset by costumes, masks, etc., just when they are becoming happy and comfortable in the nursery school setting. The 3 yr. old class will have a party in school with NO costumes. In the Tues/Thurs p.m. class, all 4 and 5 year olds may dress up, any three year old in that class that is interested will be welcome to join their classmates. If not, your child is welcome to watch, or skip it and come to school at 1:30 that afternoon. The costume presentation will be in the front yard. We will come out about 5-10 minutes after your children arrive at school. Please deliver your child to school that day as you would any other day, only have them wear a costume. Make sure your child has a separate bag with their name printed on it as well as their backpack, in which to put his costume after the singing. **Rain dates: October 30th & 31st.**

Scholastic Books: Each month your child will be taking home a flyer with great inexpensive books for sale. This book club has an outstanding selection of award winning books to offer. There is no obligation. This book club has been extremely popular! Research shows that one of the best advantages you can give your child is to read to them every day and provide lots of books. Ordering on line has become very popular. The books will come to me and I will give them to you in a brown bag so they can be kept as gifts. Look for flyers to come home soon.

Our Code: GPQ2R

No School:

Monday, September 30th, Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, October 9th, Yom Kippur

Monday, October 14th, Columbus Day

Clothing: Please be sure to have all of your child's outer clothing clearly marked with their name. Adhesive tape works well.

Potty Training: If your child needs an extra set of clothes left at school, please put them in a zip lock bag with their name clearly marked. Please give them to one of the teachers so that we are aware of this. We have special cubbies just for this purpose.

Pick Up Time: As you wait in line to deliver or pick up your child, please remember to leave space for our neighbors to get in or out of their driveways. This has been a problem for them in the past.

Show and Tell: Is held on Monday for the 4 and 5 yr. olds. We have no "show and tell" for the 3 year olds. We find they can't sit long enough to listen to everyone. "Show and tell" items can be: a favorite book to tell about, a postcard of somewhere the child has been, a nature item, (nest, shell, flower) a photograph etc. Some days the teachers will ask for a special item that starts with the letter we are working on that week or an object that is the color we are talking about. We feel "show and tell" should be an educational learning experience for language development-- not a display of the newest toys.

We look forward to working with your children this year and getting to know all of you.

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