

## OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

2-6	Health Unit
4	Back to School Night (PARENTS ONLY) 6:30pm-7:30pm
9	<b>Payment #2 Due</b>
9-13	Firefighter Unit
12 & 13	Picture Days
16-20	Where the Wild Things Are Unit
23-27	Halloween Unit
30-11/3	Fall Unit
31	Halloween Parade

**Learning Tree T-shirt days:** 5, 13, 19 & 27

**Share Day:** 19 (Where the Wild Things Are Unit)

Looking ahead...

Nov. 6

Nov. 10

Nov. 23 & 24

**Payment #3 Due**

**Veteran's Day-** parents must sign-up for attendance. Be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet which will be located on the clipboard to the left of the fish tank in the foyer, near the end of October  
Thanksgiving Holiday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

September was off to a great start! Our students are now settling into their new routine. This can be the time when some students might start to resist coming to school. Remember to be positive and encouraging. The teachers make it their priority to make every child feel safe, secure and welcome. Please take a moment to read the article called - "Sharing thoughts about Hellos and Goodbyes". Also, please remember, we are always here to help!!

Our new personal pin system to enter the front door has been implemented, and seems to be running smoothly. You should have received your personal pin via email. If for some reason you did not receive it, please check with the office. Please remember to give your family's personal pin to any of your authorized drop off/pick up people so that they may be able to have access to the front door when needed. If there is ever an issue, you can always ring the doorbell and a staff member will be with you shortly.

Our Picture Days this year will be on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> & Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> will be for Pre School, Pre School Tots and Roly Polys. Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> will be for Pre-Kindergarten and any students who do NOT normally attend on Thursdays. If your child does not attend Thursdays or Fridays, please let the office know which day you plan on coming. Make-ups can also be done at the studio in Torrance, up to one week after picture day. Appointments are required for studio sessions.

## **REMINDERS:**

- Tuition Billing Statements will be emailed to the email listed on your account, the Friday before tuition is due. Please remember to check your email for the amount, and/or update the office with your email contacts. Payments are due on your child's first scheduled day of attendance in order to receive the discounted rate. As a reminder, you can always pre-pay with a post-dated check to avoid any confusion.
- All special snacks MUST be store bought and NUT free.

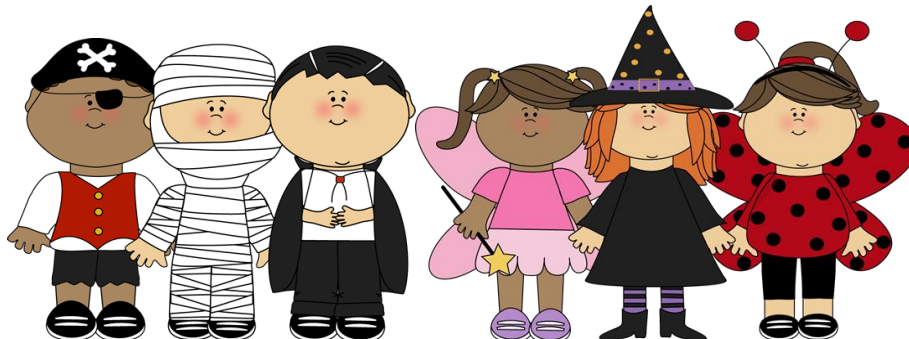
Halloween is rapidly approaching and children are already getting excited about it. On Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> we will have a short Halloween Parade in the morning, which parents are invited to attend to watch and take pictures. Students who do NOT normally attend on Tuesdays, are invited to come for the parade during their designated time. After the parade, students who DO regularly attend on Tuesdays, will resume their normal daily routine, and participate in various Halloween activities during their class times. Watch for more information regarding the Halloween Parade, donation sign-ups, and parent volunteers, to be posted in the foyer area.

**NO GOODIE BAGS PLEASE.**

**Halloween Parade Times:**      Pre-school - 9:30am  
Preschool Tots/Roly Polys - 9:30am  
Pre-Kindergarten - 9:45am

Have children arrive in their costumes over their clothes. If this is not possible, bring clothes to change into after the parade.

# **HAPPY HALLOWEEN !!!**



**Dear Families:**

Now that we are getting settled into our school routines, you might find that your child may begin to resist coming to school. It is a very normal occurrence that many families encounter at some point. For most children, it is just a phase and will pass. Hopefully the following article will be helpful to any of our families that may be experiencing this little bump in the road.

## ***SHARING THOUGHTS ABOUT HELLOS AND GOODBYES***

Every day you and your child say good-bye to one another in the morning and hello again in the afternoon. These hellos and good-byes are children's first steps on a lifelong journey of learning how to separate from and reunite with important people in their lives.

Learning to say hello and good-bye to the people we love is a process, not a goal to be achieved in the first week or month or even year of preschool. Indeed, after many years of experience, we adults sometimes find it difficult to separate and reunite.

We focus on hellos and good-byes in our program because they are such a major part of your child's life today and always. Being able to separate is necessary if children are going to develop as independent, competent people. Being able to reunite is necessary to building and maintaining caring, long-term relationships.

### ***How we can work together:***

- *Remember always to say goodbye.* By saying goodbye, you strengthen your child's trust in you. Your child can count on the fact you will not disappear without warning. When you let us know you are about to leave in the morning, we can help you and your child say goodbye. Goodbyes are best when they are done quickly. Prolonging leaving and/or coming back in after you have said goodbye causes confusion to the child and often times makes them more upset.
- *We can work together to create a hello and goodbye ritual.* This may be as simple as giving your child a giant hug, or doing an "I Love you" sign before you leave. Having a ritual offers you both the comfort of knowing what to do. \*\*\*When dropping off, ALWAYS walk your child out to a teacher so that they can acknowledge that you are leaving, and give you a hand if needed.
- *Be aware that sometimes goodbyes and hellos will be "bumpier" than others.* As we all know, goodbyes and hellos can stir up many deep feelings. These feelings combined with your child's stage of development and other factors such as being hungry or tired, can make saying good-bye and hello difficult at times.
- *Bring in family photos and other reminders of home that you want to share.* Seeing these special objects will help your child feel connected to you throughout the day.

By working together, we can help your child feel comfortable, secure, and competent in school.

