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The Lamb - October 2018



October Birthdays

Lux F. - AM

Avery P.

Wyatt S.

Madison M. - PM

Willow B.

Just a note to let you know that Mrs. Phyllis Miller will be joining our Thursday class as a volunteer. Mrs. Miller retired from the Schuylkill Valley School District and has been working at the Educational and Fun teacher supply store. She has all her current clearances. She has expressed an interest in working with young children again and will be an extra set of hands for our staff. We look forward to having Mrs. Miller as part of our LLNS flock!

Please keep monthly newsletters in a convenient place so that you can refer to them throughout the month.

CALENDAR

October 1 - tuition due for November

October 4 – Thursday - Bern Township playground field trip - Leaving LLNS about 10:30 am - see flyer that went home for more information



October 8 – Monday - Classes are in session today.

October 11 - rain date for Bern Township field trip

October 11 – Thursday - 911 Day - Today we will begin our fire safety unit by introducing the concept of 911. The Thursday class will have fire safety and general safety concepts as part of their class time for several weeks. After we introduce the use of the telephone and 911 we would appreciate if you would help your child practice

dialing 911 on a toy phone or on their craft phone. We will stress the importance of not using a real phone for practice. **It is necessary for your child to learn his/her home address** so that in the event of a home emergency s/he will be able to respond appropriately.

October 15 – Monday - Each child needs four or five tree leaves for today’s craft. Be sure the leaves are not brown and dried because they will not work as well. Put the leaves in a plastic bag and label it with your child’s name. A variety of leaves would be nice.



October 17, 18 - Wednesday, Thursday - Mrs. Lash will be away at a conference. Mrs. Julie Straub will be in the classroom to assist our staff. Mrs. Straub is a retired teacher and is the mother of two former “lambs”.

October 18 - Thursday-Today, as part of our safety unit, Officer Mike Wiley, from Bern Township police department, will be at LLNS to discuss gun safety with our students. The Eddie Eagle program is sponsored by the NRA specifically for young children. All the materials are age appropriate and have been used at LLNS in the past. The focus of the program is that if a young child sees a gun at home, at a relative’s home or at a friend’s house that they **Stop! Walk** away! and **Tell** a Grown Up!

October 31 – Wednesday - Halloween parade for each class.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I. We have 15 children in the morning class and 12 in the afternoon class. We have 18 in the Thursday morning class.
- II. There are class snack sign-up sheets on the LLNS hallway bulletin board. The morning information is always on the left side and the afternoon sign-ups are on the right side. We have one known food allergy (MILK) at this time in the morning class. So, no yogurt or pudding in the morning class. We ask that you include a drink when you supply snack. If your child would like to bring milk for the drink we will provide another beverage to the students who cannot have milk.
- III. We ask that for Show and Tell days please send only one (1) object. Please have a discussion about the object before your child comes to school. Show and Tell has three purposes. One is to build vocabulary for the students. The second is to give each child a chance to speak to the class, sharing information he/she knows. The third is to help the child connect to the topic of the day.
- IV. Our Halloween Parades will be Wednesday, October 31, at the beginning of each class. Send your child to school dressed in a costume. After everyone arrives, we will have a short parade outside the church or inside depending on the weather. Parents/Caregivers may stay to watch and take pictures!! After the parades, we would appreciate help in removing costumes. Class will resume once the children



are out of their costumes and parents/caregivers have departed. Be sure your child has a bag for his/her costume. If it is a chilly day you may want to put a jacket or sweater under the costume.

- V. Your child should bring a backpack to school every day. Please remove all jackets and sweaters from the backpacks before class begins. You may hang the jackets and sweaters from the hooks in the hallway cubbies. The children have a lot of difficulty putting their papers in their backpacks if the backpacks are full with a coat, sweater or sweatshirt.
- VI. We continue to collect Redner's Tapes. Please put them in the hallway container.
- VII. Please check the LLNS bulletin board and chalkboard for program updates and any other parent/caregiver information. For additional information, please "friend" our Facebook page--- Llns eplers!
- VIII. Thank you to everyone who so generously donated supplies. At the present time we are well stocked with supplies. The need for any more will be in a future newsletter.
- IX. Our Chicken BBQ was successful again this year. Thank you to everyone who supported this ongoing fundraiser.

CLASS NOTES

Our students are getting acquainted or reacquainted with their school environment and class routine. We are fortunate to have so many helping hands at clean up time. Since our children must make transitions from upstairs to downstairs and, so forth, in our program, they are doing a good job of learning to line up, stay in line, use the stair railing to hold on to, and use quiet walking feet. Our returning students are such good role models again this year. Important pre-school social skills we all continue to work on throughout the school year include:

- Using "Walking Feet" indoors
- Sitting on your bottom with legs crossed at circle time
- Using "Listening Ears" during circle time
- Sitting still for short periods of time
- Waiting your turn
- Keeping hands in own space and respecting the space of others
- Learning the pledge to the flag
- Learning to recognize his/her name in printed form-this is an important readiness skill that we strive to master by December.

Important skills our Thursday class will be working on:

- Proper grasp of a crayon, marker, or pencil
- Following directions
- Starting letters at the top
- Beginning letter sounds
- Uppercase (capital) and lowercase letters

In September we learned each other's names by saying and clapping the name. We enjoyed play time indoors and had fun on the playground when it wasn't raining. Our students were very interested in the sea life unit. Many of them had a good background in what lives in the sea. We had a mini apple unit where we compared and contrasted different kinds of apple, counted the seeds found in different kinds of apples, etc.

In October we will continue our sea life theme. We will be doing fall themed activities throughout the month as well as some things related to Halloween. The teachers like to be surprised by the costumes our students wear to school for the Halloween parade. We try to have them keep the costumes a secret till the big day. However, if it happens that we hear about a costume early, we will still always be excited to see just what each of them has chosen.

Our Thursday has learned how waves are created in the ocean by the wind. They were able to use straws to blow like the wind to make waves in our "cake pan" ocean. The students did well recognizing the difference between letters and numbers.

If you have any questions about our program or concerns about your child, feel free to contact Mrs. Lash at home 610-926-1135 or ask to see her after class.

Remember, that children participate in MANY different activities during the school day. Please don't expect your child to be able to tell you all she/he does each day. Instead, ask about what snack he/she had, what toy he/she played with or even what song or story he/she enjoyed. As the year progresses and the children feel more comfortable with their surroundings and their routines, it will be easier for them to discuss parts of their school day. Occasionally, but not always, our craft project will directly relate to our theme of the day. However, the staff believes that it is important for the students to have the opportunity to experience lots of different art materials and try different techniques. We feel that the process of creating art is more important than the product at preschool age. Encourage your child to verbally share with you the way he/she did his/her craft. Your child may even want to add to, or change the craft when he/she gets home.

Favorite books from the month of September include:

Alphaprints Sealife - Roger Priddy

Jellyfish - Scholastic

Crabs - Scholastic

Apples for Everyone - Jill Esbaum

Apple - Nikki McClure

Harry's Box - Angela McCallister

What to do with a Box - Jane Yolen

I Love You Little One - Nancy Trafuri

Oh No!, George - Chris Haughton

Our Thursday Students enjoyed:

Ten Apples Up on Top - LeSeig (Dr. Seuss)



Oceans-
Watermelon Day - Kathi Appelt
Bubbles - Kuhn and Berger

Enjoy the fall!
LLNS STAFF

We will be following the Schuylkill Valley School District weather related school closure procedure again this year. If SVSD is having a two hour ice/snow/hurricane delay Little Lamb will cancel the morning class. If SVSD closes for the day due to weather Little Lamb will be closed for the day. If SVSD needs to close due to other emergencies Little Lamb will not be affected. Check out the LLNS Facebook page for updates. We will, of course, make up weather related closures when possible during the school year.

