



OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

1-4	Health Unit
3	Back to School Night (PARENTS ONLY) 6:30pm-7:30pm
7	Payment #2 Due
7-11	Firefighter Unit
14-18	"Where the Wild Things Are" Unit
17 & 18	School Picture Days (No make-up options available - more info below)
21-25	Fall Unit
28-11/1	Halloween Unit
31	Halloween Parade (more info below)

Learning Tree T-shirt days: 3, 11, 17 & 25 & Nov. 1

Looking ahead...

Nov. 4	Payment #3 Due
Nov. 11	<u>Veteran's Day</u> - 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
Nov. 28 & 29	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!!

Back to School Night will be on Thursday, October 3rd from 6:30pm-7:30pm (SHARP). This event is for ADULTS ONLY. This will be a time for parents to go to their children's classrooms and hear what the teachers have planned for the school year. A flyer was emailed out with more information about Back to School Night.

Our School Picture Days this year will be on Thursday, October 17th & Friday, October 18th.
Schedule is as follows:

- **Thursday, Oct. 17th**- ALL STUDENTS WHO ATTEND TUESDAY/THURSDAY ONLY, and ALL PRESCHOOL (Anteaters, Bears, Cobras & Dragons) & Preschool Tots (Ladybugs, Caterpillars & Bumble Bees) students who attend MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

- **Friday, Oct. 18th** - ALL PRE K (Happy Hippos, Groovy Goldfish, Funky Foxes & Excellent Eagles), ALL ROLY POLYS STUDENTS, and all students (Preschool Tots & Preschool) who attend MONDAY/WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY ONLY

***October 17th-18th are the **only** available options for school pictures. If your child misses their scheduled picture day, they can take their picture on the other scheduled day, but you will need to let the office know. Unfortunately, there are **no make-up days**, or studio locations available for students who are not available on the scheduled picture days.

REMINDERS:

- Tuition Billing Statements will be emailed to the email listed on your account, the Thursday or 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 the students are already getting excited about it. On Thursday, October 31st 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 Thursdays, are invited to come for the parade only, during their class' designated time. After the parade, students who DO NOT regularly attend on Thursdays, will go home, and students who DO regularly attend on Thursdays 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:

Preschool - (Anteaters, Bears, Cobras & Dragons) - 9:30am

Roly Polys - 9:30am

Preschool Tots (Bumble Bees, Caterpillars & Ladybugs) - 9:45am

Pre Kindergarten - (Happy Hippos, Groovy Goldfish, Funky Foxes & Excellent Eagles) - 9:45am

Students should arrive at school wearing their costumes. Please send a bag with a change of clothes for after the parade. Students will not be allowed to wear their costumes or pieces of their costume once the parade is over. The teachers will change the students into their clothes and put their costumes in their bags. Bags will be located in the art classrooms. Due to the close timing of the parades, we ask that the parents of the first parade (9:30am) leave when the parade concludes to make room for the next set of parents arriving.



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.

