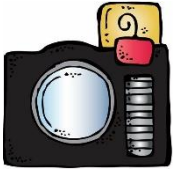




# OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



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**Payment #2 Due**

Firefighter Unit

"Where the Wild Things Are" Unit

Fall Unit

School Picture Days

Halloween Unit

Halloween Parade



Learning Tree T-shirt days: 8, 14, 22 & 28

Looking ahead...

**Nov. 1**

Nov. 11

Nov. 25 & 26

**Payment #3 Due**

**Veteran's Day - SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Thanksgiving Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED**



The school year is off to a great start! Even though things look a little different and are slightly stricter with allowances for parent presence, our students are now settling into their new "normal" routine. We are happy to be here and will keep you posted as any changes may occur! Even though things are falling into place, 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!!

You will receive an email letting you know your child(ren)'s scheduled Picture Day. As a reminder, there will be no make-up days available, and the company is remote so re-takes are not an option. If you have any questions, please let the office know.

Our Instagram pages are up and running. (Please note that your child's participation is optional, and you may opt out of having them posted at any time, by letting the office know.) As a reminder, Instagram is done in addition to the many things that teachers are already doing throughout their school day, so please be patient as we get into a good "posting routine". If you are having trouble finding the correct page, the QR codes are posted nearest your child's

grade's lesson plans. You can scan the code and it will take you directly to the page. Please remember that pages are private and only visible to our current families. We take your privacy seriously and only accept requests from families we know. We have received a few requests from people that we are not able to identify by their Instagram name/profile picture. We have sent messages to those accounts with a request to confirm identity but haven't heard back from many of them. If you have submitted a request to follow but have not yet been accepted, please email the office with your Instagram name and we will happily allow you to join. We apologize for any inconvenience or delay and appreciate your understanding.

Unfortunately, due to COVID regulations, we will not be able to do our usual Back to School Night. As a reminder Lesson Plans are always posted in the foyer which will tell you what the teachers have planned for each week. You should be checking your child's bin in the hallway at pick up time for any schoolwork, art projects or important things to take home. The teachers will post a short bio and goals for the school year on the Instagram pages so keep an eye out! The academic teachers will send home some info about their curriculum, and the Preschool tots teachers will send home so classroom info to you as well. You will receive a progress report in January and then again in June, which will show things that have been covered in the various classes, as well as the milestones that your child has reached.

Sadly, large gatherings in Preschool settings are not permitted, so we are not able to invite parents to our Halloween Parade at school this year. We will take and post as many pictures as possible!

On **Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a fun Halloween-Kind-of-Day at school! We will enjoy some yummy treats, do a parade, play some games, make Halloween crafts, listen to silly & spooky stories, dance the Monster Mash, and have a great time!

Your student may wear their Halloween Costume to school that day. However, please note that costumes are completely optional. If your child would like to wear their costume to school, please see the guidelines below---

**Students who want to participate will come to school with their costume on OVER their regular school clothes.**

**\*All costumes and pieces MUST be labeled with the child's name.**

**\*So that nothing gets misplaced, costume accessories are not allowed (ex - crowns, shields, headbands, gloves, etc).**

**\*Appropriate school shoes MUST be worn.**

**\*Costume masks, headpieces, or anything covering the head/face are not allowed.**

Half Day students may wear their costumes for the duration of their school day if they would like. Full day students will be changed out of their costumes before lunch time. Please bring a bag for your child's costume to go into. Costumes can be taken home when you come to pick your child up. Please double and triple check that you have all pieces of your child's costume before you leave.

We will post sign-ups in the foyer for treats and snacks for the day, so keep an eye out if you'd like to donate. \*\* Please remember: Per School Policy – No Goodie Bags for students to hand out in class please.

**REMINDERS:**

\*To reduce outside exposure and lower possibilities of school closures, Only ONE parent (adult) is allowed in the building for drop off and pick up. Please be respectful of this rule as it is the alternative to only allowing curbside drop off and pick up. Siblings may accompany you when dropping off or picking up. However, they must stay with you at all times.

\*Tuition Billing Statements will be emailed to the email listed on your account, the week 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 for birthdays or holiday party donations MUST be store bought and NUT free.

\*Please wait at the Drop Off & Pick Up points for a teacher to assist you. Unfortunately, parents are not allowed in the classrooms or in any areas closely occupied by other students or teachers.

\*As the weather gets cooler, please remember to have a spare jacket at school for your child to use. We are not able to loan out any jackets or extra clothes, so always try to keep plenty of back-ups in your child's cubby.

\*Please check your child's bin at pick up time for anything that may need to be taken home.

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.

