



October Newsletter



2024

Director's Desk

School is off to a truly wonderful start. This past month has given us the time to renew old friendships and explore new relationships. Watching the children form and reform their social groups is quite exciting. Their sincerity and innocence as they venture out into the world of school are touching. They are learning socially as well as academically. I hope you are as pleased as we are with your child's progress.

October is a wonderfully special month because of Halloween. For many, Halloween with carved pumpkins, "spooky" songs and stories is more exciting than any other holiday. The magic of make-believe is so special to the young child because of the excitement and charming thrill of dress up. However, along with this excitement, comes some anxiety. Three year-olds are very new to the idea of pretend and even four year-olds are not always sure what is real and what is not. We really work hard to make this a fun experience. Costumes and made-up faces are often frightening for small children. Let's all try to emphasize the silly and not the scary aspects of Halloween.

Sincerely, Jackie



Reminders:

- * Follow us on Instagram! www.instagram.com/manorschools
- * Always hold your child's hand in the parking lot!
- * Also, please **do not** pass cars on the left that are discharging children.

Our most important concern is the safety of the children. Most of you are using your pickup "signs", which help us get to put a name to a face! We are extremely grateful for your cooperation.

I want to thank all of you for your patience during drop off and pick up. The line of families can be overwhelming for us, so your pleasant smiles and cooperative attitudes really do mean a great deal!

Pumpkin Patch Parades (3 year-old classes and older)

The children will dress in costume. Parents/special guests are invited to meet us in the parking lot behind the school to hear the classes sing songs and march around in a "parade of costumes". We will come inside and have a special snack in the classroom. Parents are welcome to join!

Monday, October 28th

9:15- Ms Mickey, Ms Meg, Ms Michelle

Tuesday, October 29th

9:15- Ms Alicia, Kelly, Ms Tracy Garlow

Wednesday, October 30th

9:15 - Ms Adrieen, Ms Cindi

Pumpkin Patch Classroom Parties (2 year-old classes)

The children can come in costume (if they are interested). We will have a special snack in the classroom and we will have pictures to share with the parents! We have found that, for this age child, seeing parents come and go during school time creates a difficult transition back to class.

Thursday, October 31st

10:00- Ms Erika and Ms Karen's Pumpkin Patch Party

The logistics of choreographing 100 children and 100 costumes is challenging. It works best if you send your child to school in costume with a change of clothes in the book bag. Be sure all pieces of the costume are clearly labeled so it can all be returned. We will help them change out of their costume after their party. If your child decides not to dress up that is alright!

What we are learning

2's- Last month the 2 year old classes with Ms. Erika and Ms. Karen were introduced to themselves. Now we extend the idea and focus on the senses. There will be lots of cooking, crafting, and singing. Our youngest children have adjusted beautifully to school and each other.

3's- If you thought September was fun, October is better if you are three! It is also quite busy. Ms. Alicia, Ms. Adrieen and Ms. Mickey introduce the children to the people in their neighborhood. Firemen, policemen, doctors, and dentists will be a focus this month. The Threes finish the month with stories and crafts relating to Halloween.

4's- Ms. Cindi, Ms. Kelly and Ms. Meg's classes will finish their alphabet unit mid-month. They then will do a quick study of shapes and secondary colors. They get quite involved in finger-painting and color mixing with different mediums. The month ends, of course, with stories, crafts, poems, and songs about Halloween. This holiday seems to be created for four year-olds. Letter and number recognition, as well as phonics instruction, continue on an individual basis.

PreK- Ms. Michelle's pre-kindergarten class will become ecologically aware as they study tropical rainforests. The focus of this unit is to teach them about the different inhabitants of the rain forests and the various layers of the forest canopy where they live. It's exciting to realize just how much young children absorb and understand from their unit studies. This is one of their favorites. Letter and number recognition as well as phonics instruction continue on an individual basis.

K- The kindergarten class will end the transportation unit with a brief study of the solar system and our planet, Earth. We finish with a wonderful astronaut party complete with space food. While amongst the stars, we study the constellations and the mythology behind each star group. Hopefully they will be able to find the Big Dipper on Halloween night. We will, of course, devote a week to pumpkins and scarecrows. Intertwined with all this fun, Ms. Tracy hopes to communicate a few math and phonics facts.

Save the Date

October 4 th	End of Fundraiser
October 3 rd and 4 th	Individual Pictures
October 14 th	Columbus Day/School Closed
October 28 th -31 st	Pumpkin Patch Parades and Parties
November 5 th	Conference Day (open only for all-day students)
November 11 th	Veteran's Day/School Closed
November 28 th - 29 th	Thanksgiving Holiday/School Closed
December 23 th -January 5 th	Winter Break/School Closed
January 6 th	School resumes

***ALWAYS KEEP A SEASONABLY APPROPRIATE CHANGE OF CLOTHES IN THE BOOKBAG AND LABEL ALL JACKETS, HATS, COATS, BOOKBAGS, AND SWEATERS.**

***PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A PEANUT AND TREE NUT FREE SCHOOL. MAKE SURE TO CHECK INGREDIENTS IN THE FOODS YOU SEND IN WITH YOUR CHILD. IF YOU BRING FOOD IN FOR THE ENTIRE CLASS TO SHARE, IT MUST BE STORE BOUGHT IN THE ORIGINAL CONTAINER WITH THE LABEL ATTACHED.**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR POLICY, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT ME.