



Delaware Cooperative Preschool Monthly Newsletter
October 2018

From the Teachers

Preschool Class:

We are well into our first month of school. The children and teachers are getting to know each other and the routines of the classroom.

Maria Montessori had a wonderful view of children, focusing on respect for the child and encouragement of all they can accomplish. In this view, by encouragement and careful observation, children will develop a feeling of independence and self confidence that will foster a love for learning and lifelong motivation. Each day we will make a special effort to give each child an individual greeting. We have set up an environment that encourages individual and group activities. The areas of the classroom are practical life, sensorial, mathematics and language as well as a creative play area. Each day we have a morning circle which includes calendar, stories and activity introduction. We would like to take this time to thank you all for the support and help getting the year off to a wonderful start! As well as a special thank you to Miss Linda for making curtains for our creative play kitchen and helping us with lunches.

Fall Themes: Apples, Leaf Hunts, Pumpkins, Nature Hikes, and stories that complement these themes.

Anna Marie and Sarah

P.S- if your child would like to dress up we are doing so Friday the 26th- Thursday the 31st. We ask that the children do not wear masks.

Toddler Time Class:

Hello Toddler Families! Wow! We have had quite the start this year! The tears are finally getting under control and we are settling in! I see changes and adjustments every day. I see more attention at circle time, more engagement with friends and more engagement with me. We have been mostly successful holding the "magic rope" and been able to get all the kids safely outside to play and back in to snack. I am so thankful for all of my parents who have helped in the classroom. You have wiped lots of runny noses from all those tears and shown much patience!!!

As the fall progresses we will continue to go outside every day if possible. Please be sure your child has the appropriate clothing to keep them warm on our jaunts. It would also be very helpful if backpacks and jackets had names on them.

Needed for the Toddler Class:

Tools! Miss Linda would like to do a unit on construction with our littlest ones and is looking for some toddler friendly tools! Odds and ends are fine, just sturdy, safe, and toddler approved!

Jackets: We could use 2 or 3 simple fleece jackets for days when someone forgets! size range 2T/3T/4T. Unisex colors a plus!

Much Thanks,

Linda

Educational Field Trip

Our fall field trip will be to the Ohio Wildlife Center on October 24 at 4pm. We will get a 30 min. "wildlife encounter" with 3 animal ambassadors and then a 30 min. Tour of the outside exhibits and grounds. The cost is \$5/person with a \$100 minimum for our group. So if we don't have enough people come, we will not be able to go. A sign-up sheet will be out on the cubbies starting tomorrow so we can get an idea of how many people can make it. Siblings are welcome to come. Questions? Email Andrea Kolp at andreakolp@columbus.rr.com

Important Reminders!

- ★ Make sure you sign in and out on the sheet outside your classroom at drop off and pick up.
- ★ Snacks must be prepared at home. The preschool teachers have asked that items be brought in serving bowls with a serving utensil when appropriate, so children learn to serve themselves.
- ★ As a reminder snacks for both the Preschool and Toddler Time Rooms are peanut and Dairy Free. For a list of dairy and nut free snacks please see the bulletin board outside the preschool room.
- ★ The Foertmeyer & Sons Winter Fundraiser has begun and ends October 25th. Items will be delivered November 26th. Foertmeyer is offering PRIZES this year. Pick up a paper on top of the preschool cubbies. Great incentive for the kids! Any questions please let Darcie Centers know: deejieweejie@gmail.com
- ★ Be on the lookout for a parent's night out event hosted by the Social Committee

Montessori Moment

Fostering independence is a key component of the Montessori Method. One of the best ways to promote independence is to create an environment that allows easy access to learning materials and makes self-care tasks manageable for young children. This is why you may have noticed activities placed on low shelves or tables in the classrooms. A few ways you might consider fostering independence at home may be to provide stools to help with hand washing, provide easily accessible healthy snacks, place drinks in small, manageable pitchers for children to pour on their own (with a sponge nearby for practice cleaning up those inevitable spills), or consider storing toys where children can easily choose and use them on their own.

