



Delaware Cooperative Preschool Monthly Newsletter

November 2017

From the Preschool Teachers

The month of October has gone by very fast. The preschoolers all seem to be comfortable in the classroom environment and are busy, busy, busy.

Upcoming in November-

Thanksgiving/Celebrations

Planets

Families and our homes

(We need a family picture in front of the place you live to use in the classroom. Please bring to school by the week of November 6.)

We will be learning what it means to be Caring, Compassionate, Courageous and Helpful.

Sharing Basket -Each child will get a turn to take home the sharing basket and bring 2-3 items from home to share during circle. Directions are on each basket. This will be a year long activity so every child will get a turn.

Disguise The Turkey - Every family will be given a turkey picture to take home. Please have your child "disguise" the turkey so he isn't caught and used for Thanksgiving dinner. Turkeys will be displayed at school so please try to get them back to DCP by the end of this week.

Happy Fall!

Anna Marie and Jennifer

Toddler Time News

Our toddlers were busy in the month of October as we talked of different themes and added classroom toys and activities into our routine. Our daily adventures outdoors continue to be a highlight of our day. We have discovered windows shaped like circles and diamonds, a rainbow, the number 55, a "ball" high atop a building, squirrels, leaves that have changed from green to yellow, and many other exciting things! Please remember to have your child dress for our walks with a weather appropriate coat and mittens and hat if the day warrants it! Upcoming themes include Babies! Kitchen/Housekeeping! and of course Thanksgiving!

~Mrs. Linda

Important Reminders!

- * Per the recommendations discussed at the GMM in September, the Board has allocated funds into our scholarship account! These funds are available NOT ONLY to new members, but also current families! If your family finds itself in need of help this year in order to keep your child enrolled at DCP, please reach out to treasurer Sara Bradley-Hering. Please know that the Board is committed to helping your family continue at DCP regardless of any unexpected financial difficulties.

- * It is getting colder. Please have your child wear a jacket to school, and bring a hat and mittens. We try to get outside every preschool session even during the colder months.
- * The preschool class has a lot of artists and scientists in the classroom this year and clothes may get messy. Please dress your child in clothes that can get messy so their work is not restricted.
- * Preschool children can bring slippers to wear at school. Shoes should be kept in their cubby or in the large shoe basket. Toddler Time students should keep their shoes on; we all know how hard it can be to get one two year old's shoes on for a walk! Trying for 7 would be impossible!
- * PIN Donation box - The preschool class will be putting together a box of items to donate to PIN. We will specifically be asking for donations of baby wipes/diapers, toiletries, catsup, peanut butter and maple syrup, warm fuzzy socks. A donation box will be available in the hallway to drop-off donations starting the week of November 6.
- * SHARING SNACK WEEK for the Preschool class only!
The week of November 13-17 the morning preschool children will be making a sharing snack at school. PARENT HELPERS DO NOT NEED TO BRING A SNACK THIS WEEK! If parent helpers want to bring in juice boxes to drink with our sharing snack that would be great.

Directions for sharing snack -Snack size baggie. Choose a dry snack (Suggestions-cheerios, craisins, banana chips, pretzels, raisins, veggie sticks - Please do not bring items that have nuts or dairy so our children with allergies can participate). Put snack in snack size baggie. Put child's name on bag.

Bring to school and leave the baggie in the bowl on the blue shelf. The children will make the snack together.

Fundraiser Update

Thank you so much to all the families who participated in our Foertmeyer & Sons Christmas fundraiser. Together we sold 117 items for a total profit to the school of \$662.50! Ordered items will be delivered to the school during the first week of December. Keep an eye out for an email with more details.

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.

What are those words?

Fall

(sung to the tune of *Are You Sleeping?*)

Leaves are falling, Leaves are falling, To the ground, Without a sound
Days are getting shorter, Nights are getting longer, Fall is here. Fall is here.