

October



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SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

We are now in the full swing of the fall season! This month we will focus on Autumn and all of its delights. Squirrels, pumpkins, spiders, bats, and leaves are topics children express interest in learning more about. We will also continue to expand last month's learning on the topic of community as we look at jobs, helpers, and emergency workers that are familiar in our neighborhoods. Children will have the opportunity to explore the roles of veterinarian, firefighter, and other helpers as we create a vet's office, "drive" firetrucks and "mail" letters. This is the perfect time to introduce the classroom job chart for the school year. Children will take turns being responsible for 5 specific jobs in our room: Line Leader, Snack Helper, Fish Feeder, Door Holder, and Special Helper. Integrated throughout our learning will be opportunities to think about safety at home and at school, including our very popular Fire Safety Scavenger Hunt.

Color: Orange
Shape: Square
Skill: Safety

Help your child to identify something *ORANGE* (ex. crayon, sticker, food label, toy, etc.) to add to our color collage!



Halloween Parties and Costume Parade

Our parties/parades will be on **Wed, October 30th** and **Thurs, October 31st**. Watch for a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help in the classroom or to bring party items. On these days, please bring your child's costume to school in a labeled fabric or paper bag. Teachers will help to dress the children before the party (but after the playground). Do not include masks, as they may be frightening for some children. Grown-ups are welcome to watch the parade in MGB at 11:00. We have a total of 18 children if you choose to bring treats for your child to pass out.

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood."

-Fred Rogers

Play is a vital part of any quality early childhood program. Play is how young children practice the necessary skills to become successful, both socially and academically. In our preschool class we focus on a creative curriculum that integrates the PA Learning Standards for Early Childhood with the children's own interests in an active and stimulating environment. The communication board by our door is updated daily with our activities. Weekly lesson plans are posted if you are curious for more details. Also check out what we are learning by taking a look at the bulletin boards around the room. Here is where you can find the poems, songs, graphs, charts and other items relevant to our monthly learning themes. The children are currently very engaged in using the art/writing center, pretend play in the home-living area, and making tunnels and bridges in the blocks. Make sure to check out the maps they made!

NOTES

- Return any Original Works order forms to school by October 11th.
- Fall *Family-Teacher Conferences* will be held *Oct 21st and 22nd*. A sign-up sheet with available times is coming soon. Face-to-Face and phone conferences will be available.
- As the weather turns cooler, please make sure that your child has an extra change of clothing that is the correct size and appropriate for the season. Label all jackets.
- Remember to **include any necessary utensils for your child's breakfast/lunch** in his/her lunchbox. Thank you for continuing to label all food containers with the date and initials.

Mark your calendar for BCPCC's Fall Family Fun Festival on Oct. 1st 5:00-7:30!!
Food Trucks. Games. Firetruck and more!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Community Helpers		1 BCPCC Fall Family Fun Festival 5:00-7:30	2	3	4	5
6 Community Helpers	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Autumn	14 Yoga with Mrs. Straub	15	16	17	18	19
20 Pumpkins	21	22 Librarian Visit	23	24 Knowing Place	25 Knowing Place	26
27 Spiders & Bats	28	Family-Teacher Conference Days		30 Halloween Party/Costume Parade	31 Halloween Party/Costume Parade	