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**PINECREST SCHOOLS - MOORPARK**

**PRESCHOOL & TODDLER CENTER**

**OCTOBER 2011**

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Dear Parents,

As the fall season is upon us, we are pleased to see how well the children have adjusted to their new classrooms, new teachers, as well as, new friends. They are progressing in a positive manner.

We have many exciting things happening during the month of October. We are anticipating a visit from the fire department during "Fire Prevention Week". Our Open House is scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-7:00p.m. You and your child are invited to visit the classrooms and meet the teachers. We look forward to seeing you there!

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, rooms 6, 7 and 8 will be visiting our in-house Pumpkin Patch. On October 21<sup>st</sup>, rooms 1-5 will be taking their turn visiting our in-house Pumpkin Patch, as well as doing some Halloween activities. Information and sign-up slips will be sent home with more information.

Our Annual Halloween Parade will be held on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to seeing all the creative costumes. Also on October 31<sup>st</sup>, rooms 6, 7 and 8 will be participating in our Spooktacular Sing Along following the parade. This is sure to be a wonderful day.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Donna Adams  
Preschool Director

Suzi Legum  
Assistant Director



## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

10/3 thru 10/21 - Costume Drive

10/13 - Open House (Elementary & Preschool)

10/17 - Summer Reading Assembly (K-5)

10/20 - In-house Pumpkin Patch (Rooms 6, 7 & 8)

10/21 - In-house Pumpkin Patch (Rooms 1-5)

10/24 - 10/28 - Red Ribbon Week

10/25 - Retake Pictures

10/26 - Kinder Field Trip to Underwood Family Farms

10/31 - Halloween Parade & Carnival

## TODDLER ROOM 1

Ms. Gina

Ms. Amy

What a great first month. We had a fun time making fall leaves, acorns and apples. We wanted to thank all of the parents for making our first month of school so much fun. We have a very busy month planned ahead of us. Please don't forget to mark your calendars for the Open House on October 13th. At the end of the month we will have our annual In-House Pumpkin patch. More details to arrive shortly. Our Halloween parade and party will be Monday, October 31st.



## TODDLER ROOM 2

Ms Andrea

Ms. Rachel

Welcome October! We had such a wonderful first month of school. We are really enjoying getting to know each other. Now October approaches and we will be doing many great projects, activities, and events. We will be making a lot of Halloween and Fall decorations.

Please save these upcoming dates. October 13th is the Open House from 6-7pm and then October 31st is our Halloween Party and Parade. We would love to see all the parents! Just a reminder, please check your child's file folder daily for any important papers.

## TODDLER CURRICULUM FOR OCTOBER

Number: 2

Color: Orange and Black

Shape: Square

Opposite: Big and Small

Nursery Rhymes: Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater and Baa, Baa Black Sheep

Themes: Fire Safety at home, school and Halloween

Character Curriculum: Listening



**PRESCHOOL  
ROOM 3  
Ms. Christy  
Ms. Theresa**

It is hard to believe that our first month of school is over. We have learned a lot about the letters A, B and C but we also have learned how to make new friends. We are looking forward to October and all the fun activities that it brings. We are especially excited about the pumpkin patch and our class Halloween Party. Also, please remember that as the weather gets colder your child will need a jacket and a cubby full of appropriate clothes.



**PRESCHOOL  
ROOM 4  
Ms. Laura**

What a super month September was. We have started to get comfortable in class and are getting used to our daily routine. Some of our friends do not have their family pictures and individual pictures. Please make sure that you drop these off so that they can have their picture on our Family Board. This month will be very busy with Open House on October 13th from 6-7pm. The In-House pumpkin patch will be October 21st. The Halloween parade and party will be on October 31st. Thank you for sharing your children with mw. We are going to have a great year.

**PRESCHOOL  
CURRICULUM  
FOR OCTOBER**

Introduction to Letters:  
D, E and F  
Review: A, B and C

Oral counting: 1-10  
Number: 2

Color: Orange and Black  
Shape: Triangle

Opposite: Up and Down  
Themes: Halloween and  
Fire safety at home and  
school

Character Curriculum:  
Listening and manners

**PRE-K  
CURRICULUM  
FOR OCTOBER**

First names  
Prewriting skills  
Practice Writing

Left to right intro  
Letters and Sounds: Aa,  
Dd and Ss

Oral Counting: 1-20  
Scissor Work  
Numbers: 4,5,6, and 7

Color: Black and Orange  
Shape: Square and  
rectangle

Opposite: Up and Down  
Character Curriculum:  
Themes:

**PRESCHOOL  
ROOM 5  
Ms. Jamie**

In the month of October, we will be reviewing the letters A,B and C. We will be moving on to letters D,E and F. The number of the month is Number 2. The shape of the month is a triangle. The colors of the month are orange and black. Thursday, October 13th we will be having an Open House from 6-7pm. Hope to see you all there. Looking forward to the month of October of learning and growing in Room 5.

**PRE-K- ROOM 6  
Ms. Jennifer  
Ms. Delia**

We have had a great first month in Room 6. we are looking forward to an exciting month. This month we will be working on the letters Aa, Dd and Ss and the numbers 4, 5, 6 and 7. Please be sure to join us for Open House from 6-7pm on October 13th. It will be a fun evening at school. Please be sure to mark your calendar for our Halloween Parade and Party on October 31st. Have a spooky month.



## **PRE-K ROOM 7**

**Mr. Jerry**

**Ms. Rachel**

Our first month back to school has been a great success. The children are enjoying playing in their new room and getting used to the routine. The academics focus will be the letters Aa, Dd and Ss. For oral counting we will be focusing on the numbers 1-20 and the numbers 4, 5, 6 and 7. The shapes for the month are square and rectangle. Our colors are black and orange. We will continue to practice to trace our names and continue with our cutting skills. We look forward to seeing you at our annual Open House. It will be on October 13th from 6-7 pm. The children will be busy making things for their special folders. We will have fun events this month with our annual Halloween Parade and party. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask us.

## **JR-K ROOM 8**

**Ms. Lindsay**

**Ms. Melissa**

We hope all our friends had a great first month of school. They have all worked so hard this month. We would like to remind our parents to check your child's folder daily. Also remember to re-fill the cubby boxes with extra uniform clothing. On Thursday October 13th, we will have our Open House. We hope all our families can join us for this special night. Remember to always feel free to come in if you have any questions.



## **HEALTH OFFICE**

**Nurse Jen**

Please remember the following safety tips when you are out Trick or Treating this year. Always Trick or Treat in a group, never go to a house alone. Make sure to take a flashlight to guide your way. Let your parents check your candy before you eat it. Have a fun and safe Halloween!

## **JR-KINDER CURRICULUM FOR OCTOBER**

First names  
Prewriting skills  
Left to right

Intro to Alphabet  
Letters and Sounds : Aa,  
Dd and Ss  
Oral counting: 1-20  
Scissor work

Number: 6, 7, 8, and 9  
Color: Black and Orange  
Shape: Square and  
rectangle  
Themes: Fire prevention  
week and Halloween  
Character Curriculum:  
Listening and manners

## MUSIC

Mrs. Leslie

During the month of October, fall and Halloween themes are reinforced by reading and singing various music stories. "Abiyoyo," "Itsy, Bitsy, Spider," "Barn Dance," and "Hip, Hop, Halloween Ball" are among the children's favorites. Rooms 5, 6, 7 & 8 are learning various Halloween songs to be performed at Pinecrest's annual Halloween Parade on October 31<sup>st</sup>. This event will surely be a ghoulishly good time. Response to our after school Music Lab classes in Piano, Voice, Drums and Fairy Tale Theater has been great. It is not too late to still register! Ask the front office about a pro rated tuition available for late enrollments. After school, students will learn about the notes on the staff, music symbols, and basic rhythms, as well as application to their specific instrument of choice. Please note this year we have introduced a new special class for Toddlers and Pre-schooler's ages 2-4 entitled "Music In Motion." Your child will be personally escorted to and from class by Mrs. Leslie. This fun class will include the use of percussion instruments, tone bells, and boom whackers. It will also include singing, and dancing with the use of rainbow sticks, colorful scarves, bean bags and fun masks. More information can be obtained in the office.

## LIBRARY

Mrs. Hogan  
Ms. Cheryli

Fall is here and now the stories will turn to pumpkins, leaves and our favorite, *The Pumpkin Cutting Story*. Over the next few months, we will do some small plays and felt board stories. Please feel free to come into our library and check out books that you may read to your child at home. Some of the best times with your child may be when you share a story together.

