



# Preschool For All

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Beginning the Year • Pumpkins



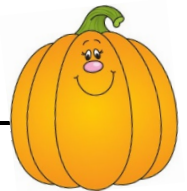
Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am excited to share that students are doing a great job learning our classroom routines and schedule. Students are independent during snack time: first washing their hands; getting placemat, food, drink; sitting with friends at the snack table; and then cleaning up their mess. Please encourage your child to sing their ABC song or count to 20 while they scrub their hands at home. Ask your child about how they wash their hands at school.

Last month, students got to know their friends and classroom, discussed the importance of our names and our Letter Links, sorted good or poor choices, and talked about our families. Interest areas now include more dress up items, more dollhouse furniture, rotating items in our water bin, a sand table with various tools, and more science items, like magnifying glasses and magnetic wands. Finally, we went on our first field trip to the Little Red School House where we learned about nature, fish, and turtles. Thank you for coming, chaperones!

For October, students will continue to learn about the Beginning the Year in preschool, our expectations, learning environment, rules, and even who works at the school. We will also have a special visitor to our classroom, Ms. Kris, who helps keep our school clean and has many talents. We will also take a closer look at pumpkins as we prepare for our trip to the pumpkin patch. We will do this in many ways, including: make predictions about what is inside of a pumpkin and carve one to find out; learn about how pumpkins grow; & make a pumpkin patch in the dramatic play area. Our first parent involvement activity, Pumpkin Decorating, is happening on Fri, Oct 18.

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## Activities for Home

With your child...

- talk about the food you eat, where it comes from or how it is grown.
- sing *Old McDonald Had a Farm* & encourage your preschooler to make up new versions.
- observe the changes in seasons, the color of the leaves or the temperature.
- count everything! Count as you climb stairs, count cars, count leaves, count toys, count food, & so on. Identify numbers on signs, toys, or at the grocery store.
- form shapes or letters using unusual materials like shaving cream, sand, or salt.
- help your child learn the letters of their name by using magnetic letters, letter blocks, or create your own letters on small pieces of paper; scramble the letters & help your child recognize each letter & put them in order.
- read books every day & talk about the book's cover, back, title, & author.

## Important Dates & Reminders

- Oct 1 – Show & Tell
- **Oct 16 – Field Trip**
- **Oct 19 – Parent Event**
- Oct 30 –PreK Halloween Parade (info to come)
- Oct 31 – Early Dismissal, PM Attends 8:30-11:00
- AM Tues/PM Thurs – Library books due
- Family Activity Due – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of Month
- Reading Log Due – Last Weds of Month