

## PRESCHOOL FOR ALL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2022



I can't believe it is almost October! The first month of school has certainly flown by! The children are doing a great job learning the routines and expectations in the classroom. We've had a great start to the school year!

### CLASSROOM EVENTS

September was a busy month for sure. We spent the first couple weeks learning the classroom routines and expectations. We worked on our Beginning of the Year study where we learned about the different centers in the classroom, the materials in each center and how to appropriately use the materials. We also discussed our classroom rules, which help keep us safe!

We began working on our Building Study and examined the questions "What do we know about buildings?", "What do buildings in our neighborhood look like?" and "Who builds buildings and what tools do they use?". We practiced building our names and we made blueprints for our own buildings. We also created buildings using squares, rectangles and triangles.

We have a lot planned for October also! We will finish working on our Building study. As we head into October, we will explore the following questions: "What are buildings made of? What makes them strong?", "What is special about our building?" and "What happens inside buildings?". We will spend some time talking about fall and pumpkins and end the month with a celebration of Halloween.

We had a beautiful day for our field trip to the Little Red School House and we hope to have the same type of day when we visit the Palos Children's Farm on Tuesday, October 18! As with the last field trip, both AM and PM sessions will attend the trip together from 10:10-12:45. The students will have the opportunity to explore the farm and see some animals up close, as well as pick a pumpkin. Each student is invited to bring **one** adult and younger siblings. We are also excited to welcome parents/guardians into our school for our pumpkin decorating event on Thursday, October 20 from 1:15-2:15. Each student is invited to bring two adults and younger siblings to help decorate the pumpkins we pick at the farm.

### HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Preschool For All will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 28. Children may dress up in costume and we will parade in front of the school at 12:05. Students may bring an individually wrapped treat to distribute to their classmates.

**There will be no preschool classes on Monday, October 31 due to the District Early Dismissal Day.**

## SEESAW

While we hope that our remote learning days are behind us, we have learned over the past few years that it is best to be prepared for the worst! In the case of remote learning, we will be using an app called Seesaw Class. I will post assignments on Seesaw that your child can complete from home. This app is to be installed on the device that your child would use to complete school work, such as an iPad, tablet or computer. Each child will be receiving a unique code that will act as their login on Seesaw Class.

Please take a few minutes to set up Seesaw Class for your child and keep your code in a safe place. This app is different from the Seesaw Family app. Seesaw Family should be installed on a parent's phone to receive communications about the class. Seesaw Class is the app that the children would use to complete their assignments in the case of remote learning. I know this can be very confusing so please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have! I am happy to assist in any way possible!

## STATE MONITORING VISIT

Every three years, our Preschool For All Programs are evaluated by the state. Our visit is expected to be completed by Friday, October 7. The evaluator will spend one afternoon in our classroom and evaluate the program, procedures, materials, etc. They are not looking at any individual children, rather the program as a whole. We feel well-prepared for our visit and look forward to a positive evaluation!

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for your support during these first few weeks of school! We have a wonderful class and I am so grateful that you are sharing your children with me this year!

## SAVE THE DATE

- **Friday, September 30** – No Early Childhood classes - District Early Dismissal Day
- **Thursday, October 6** – Picture Day
- **Monday, October 10** – No School, Columbus Day
- **Tuesday, October 18** – Field Trip – Palos Children's Farm – more details to follow
- **Thursday, October 20** – Parent Involvement – Pumpkin Decorating
- **Friday, October 28** - EC/Prek Halloween parade
- **Monday, October 31** – No Early Childhood classes – District Early Dismissal Day

As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me via Seesaw, call me at (708) 423-3078 or email me at [cbrychel@ahsd125.org](mailto:cbrychel@ahsd125.org).

Sincerely,

Mrs. Colleen Brychel