

We're heading into our second month of the school year with everyone settling into their new classroom. Saying good-bye to mom or dad at drop off has gotten easier, the children are eager to engage in the day's activities, and new friendships are being formed. Below you will find your classroom newsletter with all the details of what is happening in October. Happy Fall Y'all!

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT VISITS

We are fortunate each fall to have the Lake Country Fire Dept. visit our school. Children learn about fire safety and get an up-close look at a firetruck and ambulance. They will return on Thursday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> for those who missed the September visit.

> PICTURE DAYS - OCT. 10 & 11 More information will be sent out soon!

### EBERT'S FIELD TRIPS – Oct. 17-19

262-367-0200

3K and 4K classes will travel by bus on this first field trip of the school year. Chaperones are welcome! More details in your classroom news.

#### "WEE KNOW" TOTE BAGS!

Plan early for the winter weather. We've got the perfect waterproof bag for those snow pants, scarves, mittens and boots! They are available in Royal Blue and Red. Cost is \$8.00 for one or \$15.00 for two! Samples bags are available at our entrances. Just let our greeter know if you would like to purchase one.



CHICKADEE NEWS

from Mrs. Friend & Ms. Emma

The Chickadee classroom has been a hubbub of activity during September. For many children this is a first experience in a preschool setting, so there is much excitement, stimulation and even a little hesitation. Our focus during this time has been "getting acquainted" with our school community. This has involved getting to know classmates and families in our room, the teachers, routines, and rules of school plus the outdoor environment. Along with getting acquainted comes the territory of increasing independence. We have been promoting restroom skills, using words to make needs known, learning to share and separating from parents for extended periods.

#### **A DAY IN THE CHICKADEE CLASS**

Our "circle times", while short in length, work on long term skills. Conversations and listening skills are practiced along with "following directions." We work on these areas through music and song, movement, storytelling and group discussion. The Chickadees love to listen to stories and songs. Some of their favorites are "Do You Know My Friends' Name...." and "We are the Dinosaurs".

Our lunchtime experience is very social. A strong emphasis is placed on sitting appropriately along with polite social behavior and conversation at the lunch table, while we have fun learning about one another.

The Chickadees are quite interested dramatic and free play as well. One of our present goals, as teachers, is to spend time in play with the children. We can become more familiar with the children during this activity, as well as model positive behavior such as sharing, taking tuns, treating others and property with respect and cleaning up.

#### **OCTOBER CONCEPTS & TOPIC**

Colors: yellow & orange

Shape: circle

<u>Numbers</u>: 1, 2 & 3

Letters: T, L, P, F, H

The broad theme ... Season of Autumn: As the weather changes and the days get shorter, we welcome the cooler days of Fall. The Chickadees will explore our outdoors through hikes on our boardwalk. We observe seasonal changes on the boardwalk, explore trees, leaves & pumpkins, decorate for fall and celebrate with a "Costume Party"!

## **PUMPKIN PATCH**

The week of October 16<sup>th</sup>, all Chickadees will participate in the Wee Know Pumpkin Patch. Each child will find a pumpkin that they will take home!

# <u>Chickadee Costume Parties</u> Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

Because of the age of the Chickadees, our costume party will be very low key and not scary. We will have a normal preschool morning with fall themed activities and an opportunity to wear costumes each day. Wear costumes that are simple and easy to remove for bathroom use. <u>*Please, no masks, make-up or weapons (light sabers, swords, etc).*</u> Remember a change of clothes if your child stays for nap.

• **TUESDAY 10/31 ONLY –** The children will have pizza for lunch. Each child will contribute \$5.00 to cover the cost. Please send this to school in an envelope with your child's name.

