# **WEE KNOW SCHOOL**

"A preschool experience providing quality early childhood education in a loving environment!"

It's been a beautiful October with colors galore! Fall hikes, field trips, pumpkin picking and carving were just some of the month's activities. With cooler temperatures upon us please make sure your child always has appropriate outdoor clothing <u>each day</u>. Conferences will be held this month. Dates and sign-up information are in your classroom news. Wee Know will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday. Enjoy this special time with your family!

### **INDEPENDENCE SKILLS**

As the school year progresses our teachers encourage independent skills as the children are ready. Presently, upon arrival they hang up their coats and bring lunches/water bottles to the designated classroom area. Throughout the day they are learning to do many things on their own.... hand washing, bathroom procedures, after play and lunch clean-up, etc. We ask parents to encourage these tasks at home. It may take a bit more time, however, the overall pride of accomplishing these skills builds confidence in each child which is very important in their overall development!

### **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Throughout the month classes will hold parent-teacher conferences. Please watch your email for a Sign-Up Genius invitation to reserve a date and time to meet with your child's teacher. Our teachers look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's social and emotional adjustment. Conferences will be 15 minutes in length and are optional. Check the classroom calendar on back of this newsletter for conference dates. \*Please note that class will be in session on these days.

# <u>CANARY NEWS</u>





Looking Back...

The teachers are amazed at how well the Canaries have adapted to a school setting and friendships are already being established. While social skill-building takes precedence to academics in the early months of preschool, the Canaries have been busy learning. To date, we have initiated the concepts of "letter of the week", monthly numbers, shapes and colors. When the "letter of the week" is introduced, we also work on phonetic sound. Additionally, name recognition is worked on at preschool arrival and throughout the day.

The Canaries were excited to see the Lake Country Firetruck and meet the firefighters. We learned "Firefighters are friends!" Pumpkins were a highlight of this month as we learned they grow on vines, are round, and have seeds inside. The Canaries had a lot of fun picking pumpkins at the Wee Know Pumpkin Patch. We loved the song "5 Little Pumpkins" and the infamous book, <u>The Runaway Pumpkin!</u>

## **NOVEMBER TOPIC & ACTIVITIES**



**Shape:** Square & Triangle **Number**: 3 & 4 **Color**: Green & Brown **Letters:** Hh, Ff, Tt, Ww

Our first week will feature "feathers" as we learn about our bird friends getting ready for colder weather. Turkeys, Turkeys, and more Turkeys! You will be amazed with all the different tools and media we will use to create turkeys! We will sing about Turkey Toms and boogie to the Turkey Dance (the chicken dance). During the week of Thanksgiving, we will cook rolls and make butter! In terms of being thankful, we will talk about what makes us happy.

### **CHICKADEE CONFERENCES**

Canary parent/teacher conferences are set for Tuesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> to meet with Samantha Wittenburg. During these conferences we will share a brief report indicating how your child is adjusting to the group setting at school focusing on social-emotional development. Look for an email to sign up for a date and time through Sign-Up Genius soon. If this dates don't work, please contact Ms. Sam to set up another time.

### **DRESS FOR THE WEATHER**

Cool weather is here! Jackets and/or heavy sweaters are necessary, especially at our early outside time. Hats and mittens are recommended, as well. Mittens are easier and preferred. When the snow flies, boots and snow pants will be required to play outside. **Remember to label all clothing and both boots!!** Teachers will be checking your child's extra clothing in their white cubby baskets. It should be changed to warmer clothes and include underwear, pants, shirt and socks.

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