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Hello Wee Know Families,

After some hesitation in those first few days, the children are adjusting beautifully! We've been very lucky to have such a warm and sunny September so everyone can enjoy the outdoors. October brings fall fun and special activities, so please review the entire newsletter and calendar and remember to check your child's BLUE folder each day. Please return payments and any notes to the office or teachers in this folder. 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/or ambulance. They will visit on Thursday, Oct. 2nd.

PICTURE DAYS - OCT. 7 & 8

Come with your smiles on for Picture Days on <u>Tue. & Wed., October 7th & 8th</u>. Mortenson Photography will be here to take individual pictures of ALL children in attendance. Once proofs are ready, families will receive a link to purchase prints online. More information about purchasing photos will come out once the proofs are available.

EBERT'S FIELD TRIPS - Oct. 13-16

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 <u>waterproof</u> bag for those snow pants, scarves, mittens and boots! They are available in Forest Green and Gray. The cost is \$10.00 each. 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. Cathy



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 in 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

<u>Colors:</u> yellow & orange <u>Shape</u>: circle <u>Numbers</u>: 1, 2 & 3 <u>Letters</u>: 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"!

<u>PUMPKIN PATCH</u>

The week of October 13th, all Chickadees will participate in the Wee Know Pumpkin Patch. Each child will find a pumpkin to bring home!

CHICKADEE HALLOWEEN PARTY Thursday, October 30th

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. 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>

The children will have pizza for lunch. Each child will contribute \$5.00 to cover the cost. Please put your money in an envelope labeled with your child's name and return it to school in your BLUE folder. We check these daily.

If your child doesn't normally attend Thursdays, you may add or trade a day that week to attend. Please schedule with the office.

