



# October 2017



## Children's Country Club too!

Oct 19<sup>th</sup>- Creepy Hollow Halloween Fun Park Field Trip

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>- Trip to the Fire Department

Oct 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> - Picture Days

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>- Halloween Parties

### OCTOBER UNITS

The class will be learning about the colors **orange** and **black** and the shape of a **square**. The children will be making crafts that reflect fall and Fire Safety. In class we will be working with the number **2**. We will be observing the color changes of fall and taking nature walks. In Language Arts, we will be introducing the letters, **A, D, and S**. When playing outside we will be emphasizing motor functions with games like kickball, t-ball and Frisbee. The social skills stressed this month are Please and Thank-you.

We will be learning about **Canada** this month. If your child has any items relating to Canada, he/she can bring it to school. We will also be starting **Artist of the Week**. Watch for more information.

We wish to thank everyone for choosing our preschool and making the first month run so smoothly. We have enjoyed meeting your child and getting to know them. They all seem quite happy in their school setting. If you have any joys or concerns to share remember you can always call.

We are now into autumn and an exciting season. Our themes are Fire Safety and Harvest. We will be going on a field trip and of course have a Halloween Party.

**COLUMBUS DAY**: School will be open as usual on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Field Trips.

Our field trip to **Creepy Hollow Halloween Fun Park** will be on **October 19<sup>th</sup>**. We will be leaving the preschool promptly at 8:30 a.m. If your child does not attend school on this day, you can switch a day so that your child will be able to go. Please let us know in advance if you choose to change a day. **Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather. It might be a chilly day at the park! Permission slips are due by October 13<sup>th</sup>.**

We will be going to the **Frankfort Square Fire Station on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We will be walking so dress warmly, weather permitting! If it is raining, the firemen will come to our school. This will be during regular preschool hours. Our firemen always make it fun to learn about fire safety and relay the importance of these lessons. We will be leaving at 9:15 a.m. sharp. **If your child doesn't attend on this day, let us know and your child will be able to switch to that day.**

**Class Pictures** will be taken on **October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday and Wednesday). We will be using the photographer Photomonkeye. MORE INFORMATION to follow. Please return the payment for pictures ASAP when you receive the packet. Make checks payable to Photomonkeye. The children will still participate in the preschool program on picture day, which will include **OUTDOOR PLAY**. Please dress them in school clothes. Thank You.

**Halloween Parties** will be on **October 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>**. Your child is to wear a costume on party day. Please use good judgment in choosing a costume. Please no masks or accessories (wands, guns, brooms, etc.). These items might get lost or taken home by mistake and sometimes there are sad faces when we cannot find them for trick or treating. We need Halloween treats for the party. Please send 20 treats or send a take-home favor. Remember to make them age appropriate. **(NO PEANUT TREATS)** Children who wish to pass out treats may do so. Please put your child's name on all goodie bags so he/she will be able to pass them out.

**ALL TREATS NEED TO BE BOUGHT AT THE STORE.**

**DCFS REQUIRES ALL TREATS TO BE STORE BOUGHT. NO HOMEMADE TREATS.**

We have several children highly allergic to peanut butter. **PLEASE DO NOT** send peanuts or peanut butter products to school.

**IF YOU WISH TO BRING THE SNACK FOR YOUR CHILD'S CLASS PARTY, PLEASE LET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER KNOW. THANKS!!** (Example: Store bought Halloween cookies, cupcakes, etc.)

**Please remember STORE BOUGHT ONLY.**

**PLEASE LABEL ALL COATS, SHOES, JACKETS, SWEATERS, HATS, AND GLOVES!!**

**EVERYTHING!!!** This is important; we cannot look for lost items at dismissal or closing time. To avoid these problems **ALL** daycare children are asked to start bringing a backpack to school. This makes it easier for teachers to keep track of personal articles; blankets, clothes, sweaters, dishes, mittens, hats, etc. Thank you for your cooperation. Please do not send your child to school with toys that are not show-and-tell. Please put show-and-tell in their backpack with their name properly marked on it. We will be happy to look for lost items the next day when there is more staff. You can pin their show-and-tell leader tag on their backpack or bag so we know they have show-and-tell. Please let a teacher know their show-and-tell is in their bag. **Just a reminder – please have the children bring items to school only on their show-and-tell days.**

**ALL HEALTH FORMS** should be in by now. If you have not turned in a completed health form, you must do so by next week. Also, we are now required by DCFS to have each child's **birth certificate on file**. If you have not turned one in, please do so as soon as possible. **We are supposed to contact the police if anyone should fail to submit a birth certificate.**

Parents – On **special days only** (examples: parties, pictures, and field trips), you may trade a day. Please call CCC too! To make arrangements to switch days so that no child misses a special event or day. The policy procedure stands throughout the year. It is the parent's responsibility to call us.

**Note:** Parents, please do not be offended if we ask for identification. We have many teachers and occasionally a teacher might not recognize you, even if your child has been attending our school for a while.

**Please review our policies regarding vacation and days off. Many parents are asking about vacations.**

**REMEMBER ALL PARENTS NEED TO SIGN IN AND OUT. PLEASE REMEMBER TO CLOSE THE DOOR WHEN ENTERING AND LEAVING THE SCHOOL. WE ALSO NEED ALL CHILDREN TO WASH THEIR HANDS WHEN ENTERING SCHOOL. PLEASE DO A WELLNESS CHECK BEFORE BRINGING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL. PARENTS WILL BE CALLED IF THEIR CHILD EXHIBITS FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS.**