

October Newsletter- Madaus Preschool

Hello Families! Can you believe it is already the month of October? Your child has been in school for a whole month already and they are doing wonderful work. I hope that you have heard about activities they have enjoyed or friends that they have played with. Here is some information about what's been going on and what is to come.

During the last two weeks of September we paid special attention to the shapes: circle and square. We talked about the things we knew about apples and had an apple taste test. Red apples were judged to be the favorite, green apples were next, and yellow apples were the least favorite for both classes. We met our first Alphafriend: Sammy Seal as we started our study of the letters of the alphabet.

As October gets started we will be sharing personal experiences as we talk about our families. As part of this unit I would love it if you could send some photos to school. This can be done either with photographs sent in the green folder, or with pictures sent to my email: madausj@worcesterschools.net. It is important for children to share ideas, objects, and people that are special to them. If possible we would like to show a photo: (1) of your child currently, (2) of your child with your family, (3) and a photo of your child as a baby/toddler. You can send these photos into school whenever you would like, and your child will present them to their classmates. Please let me know if you have any questions about this.

During the month of October we will be working on the themes: "Family and Community Helpers" and "My Five Senses". The students will meet the Alphafriends: Pippa Pig (letter Pp), Tiggy Tiger (letter Tt), and Ozzy Octopus (letter Oo). Some math concepts will be: calendar with our new month of October, patterns, measurement, shapes, counting, and making sets. Some science activities will be about our five senses, seasonal changes, and the life cycle of a pumpkin. A big goal for the preschool year is for the students to become better at observing the world around them. You can support your child in this goal by encouraging them to explore their environment and have discussions about what they see, hear, smell, feel, and taste. You can model using descriptive words, and compare and contrast objects together.

A holiday that will occur in October is Halloween. In our class there will be art activities and picture books about Halloween and night time animals. There is also going to be a large whole school parade with the afternoon students and a smaller preschool-only parade for the morning students. I would like to respect your traditions and beliefs, so please contact me if this is not a holiday that your family celebrates. We

can discuss other ways for your child to enjoy and share their favorite parts of the Fall season in school with their classmates.

Wish List: Googly eyes

Dates to remember:

NO SCHOOL: Friday, October 8th - Professional Development for staff