

Play and Prep Preschool Newsletter

October 2018



News from the Directors

It was so nice to have the full month of September to adjust to the routines of school. Please be sure to check your child's Friday folders each week!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the KidStuff coupon book fundraiser. We raised \$240! Our next fall fundraiser will be the Stoller Butter Braid pastries to be delivered in time for Thanksgiving. Their products are locally made, delicious and perfect for holiday entertaining!

The Fundraiser will run from Oct. 2nd to Oct. 16th. Orders will be ready for pick up on Friday, November 9th during school. The brochure and order sheet will be going home with your student.

Any questions, please email Jody at playandpreppreschool@yahoo.com.

Finally, families are invited to join us for a Halloween Parade to show off our costumes on Friday, October 28th at 11:00am for morning families and 2:45 pm for our afternoon families. Extended day parents, if you are not able to make it in the morning, we will have the extended day students join the afternoon parade.

Happy Fall!

Important Dates

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 30 - Messy Mondays 9-11:30 am

Oct. 2 - Stoller fundraiser begins

Oct. 8 - Board Meeting 7 pm

Oct. 12 - No School/Solon SD off

Oct. 15 - Staff meeting - noon

Oct. 19 - Stoller Fundraiser Ends

Oct. 23 - Pre K Field trip 9:15 am

Oct. 30 - 2's Class Halloween party 9:00-10:30 am

Oct. 31 - Halloween Parade - 11:15 am; 2:45 pm (3s/PreK)



Check out our fundraising page at **Mabel's labels** at www.mabelslabels.com and click on Support a Fundraiser then Find Play and Prep Preschool in the school listing. Great labels to use for school and home. Play and Prep will receive a percentage from your order.

Giant Eagle Apples for Students

Register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card at GiantEagle.com/AFTS

Enter Play and Prep's School ID # 5977

Shop with your Giant Eagle Advantage Card

Heinen's Tasteful Rewards School Program

Register Play and Prep with your Tasteful Reward Card

at heinens.com/schools

In-store at the Customer Service Desk Call our Customer Relations Department at 1-855-475-2300 ext. 2337

Past participants must **RE-SELECT** Play and Prep by logging in to their Tasteful Rewards profile.



Pre K Class - Balog

Happy Fall! This month we will learn about farm animals and make handprint animals. We will find out what food you can grow on a farm and we will even get to visit a real farm! We will explore apples through graphing, tasting, and painting. We will learn about pumpkins, their different shapes and sizes and scoop out our own class pumpkin. We will end October with some Halloween fun with a school parade and party!



Pre K Class-Zerk

In September, the morning and afternoon pre k classes learned a lot about ourselves. We talked about our names, our families, our friends, and our feelings. We painted and photographed ourselves as we learned the term "self-portrait" in art. We started our letter and number practice, and we worked on our fine motor skills by cutting, writing, and shaping play doh. We also enjoyed taking advantage of the beautiful weather and all the outdoor play opportunities offered—thanks for sending boots for garden days and helmets for bike days! October has many more fun learning opportunities in store. We will be studying trees this month. We will talk about their leaves, their fruit, and animals who can call trees home. We look forward to our first field trip this month, too! We will visit Ridgeview Farms with Mrs. Balog's class on Tuesday, October 23. Thanks again for a great first month of school!



3's Class - Pecherkiewicz

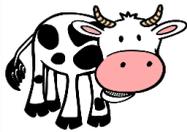
We had a great first month of school! We have learned about our school environment, how to walk quietly in a line, how to take turns, and most of all how to be a good friend. We celebrated what makes each of us similar and different and will continue to explore what makes us unique. We created art

individually as well as with a friend and explored different kinds of art materials including watercolors, finger paint, and shaving cream- the kids sure do enjoy the messy activities! Throughout October we will continue to work on letter and number recognition, counting, scissor skills, as well as pre-writing skills all while learning about Autumn! We also look forward to some fun Halloween fun and our Halloween parade at the end of the month!



3's Class-Schofalvi

Our AM and PM classes have been busy exploring their classroom environment and completing their daily center jobs. They have searched for letters, numbers, colors and shapes. They have graphed, patterned and measured. Our hands have been strengthened by cutting, drawing and letter writing - it's hard!!! They practice walking in a line, waiting their turn, sharing supplies and toys, listening to others and tell their own stories. We have learned about each other, our families, apples, fruits and vegetables. YUM!!! This month we will encounter leaves, squirrel & nuts, spiders, pumpkins and Halloween. We will also be building a grocery store in our dramatic play center.



2's Class-Schofalvi

Our small class has enjoyed exploring our classroom - tools, cars & trucks, puzzles, dollhouse, "cooking" in the kitchen, caring for baby dolls and manipulating playdoh. We have colored with crayons, water painted, painted apples, painted at the easel and veggie painted. We have danced with beanbags, rocked our body parts, balanced apples on our heads and played in the bean filled sensory table. This month we will enjoy fall, leaves, spiders, pumpkins and Halloween.



Extended Day

For October, we will learn about Fall, go on leaf hunts, and make leaf art. We will explore apples and pumpkins through taste and touch. We will talk about nocturnal animals and where they live. Ending this month we will have some Halloween fun with a parade and party!



Science

In science this month we will be focusing on fall. The students will predict what items will sink or float, take a closer look at leaves, follow the (hopefully) dropping temperatures, do a messy pumpkin experiment and investigate bats.



Woodshop

Sanding, gluing, and hammering, oh my! Lots of work happening in Woodshop in September. Students learned the names of different fasteners and used bolts, screws, nails, and washers to create paintings and self-portraits. We also practiced our hammering skills using wood golf tees and cardboard boxes. In October students will create wood houses and make some Fall wood slice decorations.



Music

We had a great musical start to the new year! Together we explored the different instruments that we keep in the music room. This month we will be learning about sound effects. Using our hands, feet, voices, instruments and other items, we will add sound effects to some of our favorite stories.



Creative Movement

We've burned off lots of energy in Creative Movement the first month of school! We started off September with simple movement games like Red Light, Green Light. Then we pretended to be swimming and jumped into hula hoops "islands" to work on our cooperative play. We tried "A" activities such as alligator crawls and flying like airplanes on scooters. We also balanced sandbag apples on our heads just like in the Dr. Seuss book, Ten Apples Up On Top. We ended this month with parachute play and hoop soccer outside. In October we will use friendly Halloween themed activities to get moving.

Healthy Habits

Fire Prevention Week takes place October 7-13, 2018. Each year The National Fire Prevention Association has a different theme. The 2017 theme was "Every second counts- Plan two ways out." which encouraged families to practice their family evacuation plan at least twice a year and plan two exits from each room of the home. This year the theme for Fire Prevention Week is "**Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware - fire can happen anywhere.**"™ Through three simple calls-to-action, this year's theme identifies basic but essential ways people can reduce their risk to fire and be prepared in the event of one:

Look for places fire can start.

Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm.

Learn two ways out of each room and a path from each exit to the outside.

"**Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware - fire can happen anywhere.**" is a reminder that fires can and do happen at home, as well as other locations. For more information on making an escape route or kid-friendly fire prevention messages check out: <https://www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week>