

Play and Prep Preschool Newsletter

November 2018



News from the Directors

At our Thanksgiving Feast, we focus on three things - friendship, sharing and being thankful. We are thankful for all of our families for sharing your children with us, a creative and hardworking staff and the Solon United Methodist Church and our board who faithfully support our school. Thank you to those who participated in our Stoller's fundraiser. Next month we will be collecting items for the Treasure Trunk which runs here at the church. Don't miss our Dinner and Date Night at the end of the month. Looking ahead to December, mark your calendar for Dec. 7th we will have our all school field trip to the Cleveland Botanical Gardens to see Gingerbread Houses on display that our PreK classes built.

We will kick off 2019 with 2 new programs - Messy Monday will now run each month. Information went home in Friday folders. Please share with your non-Play and Prep friends. This program is open to all three to five-year olds. We will also be starting a drop off 2s program on Tuesdays from 9-11am.

Are you looking for a color copier/printer? We have one that needs a new home (\$25). Let us know if you have an interest.

Important Dates

November 1 - Picture Day
November 5 - Messy Monday
November 8 - Stoller's Pastries arrive
November 9 - No school
November 12 - Staff meeting noon
November 12, 19 and 26 - Messy Mondays 9-11:30 am
November 16 - Thanksgiving Feast
November 20-23 - No School
November 30 - Dinner and Date Night 5:30-8pm
December 7 - All school field trip - Cleveland Botanical Gardens



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 listings. 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 or in-store at the Customer Service Desk or call the 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

I hope that your children have been enjoying the school year as much as we have! They have been working really hard on their letters, numbers, cutting and handwriting. This month we will work on the letters I, J, and K along with the numbers 9, 10, and 11. We will be working on our Pre K gingerbread house for the Botanical Garden field trip coming up in December. We will explore castles and create our very own castle! We also will talk about what we are thankful for and create placements to use at Thanksgiving. To end our month, we will look at Fairytales and focus on The Three Little Pigs. Thank you for all you do!



Pre K Class - Zerk

We've had a fun month of October! We enjoyed getting outside to learn about trees. We taste tested apples, created artwork using leaves, acorns, and pinecones and searched for fungi growing on or around trees in the garden. We enjoyed our first field trip to the farm and carved a class pumpkin that we picked at the farm! In November, we'll be exploring photography as we read books by Tana Hoban and William Wegman. We will create a class gingerbread house to display at the Botanical Gardens this winter, and we will also make a treat to share at our school-wide Thanksgiving feast!



3's Class - Pecherkiewicz

While many of us are sad summer weather is officially behind us, our class has been embracing all Autumn has to offer. During October we went on a leaf hunt and used our leaves to make people inspired by the book Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert. We also spent time exploring apples, acorns, farm animals, and pumpkins. The children are continuing to work on their letter and number recognition as well as learning the fine art of holding their writing utensils correctly. Looking forward to November we will be exploring different modes of transportation, family, and all the many things we have to be thankful for as we get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving.



3's Class-Schofalvi

Autumn has been awesome! We have had a lot of fun times with leaves, squirrels & nuts, spiders and pumpkins. We have searched for nuts, painted fall trees, made and eaten spiders and crafted jack'o'lanterns. Grocery shopping in our classroom store has been enjoyable to watch. (The children even restock the store each day - sorting all the items!!!) Singing and exercising has also been popular. This month we will discuss community helpers, become Native Americans, craft some turkeys and celebrate Thanksgiving.



Extended Day

Our extended day students have enjoyed a month full of fall fun. In November, we will be learning about two of our favorite authors, Laura Numeroff and Eric Carle through stories and projects. We will also be celebrating all the things we are thankful for during our Thanksgiving unit.



Science

I hope all the students had fun with the pumpkin slime! In November we will be going on a garden scavenger hunt and then we'll experiment and explore with corn.



Woodshop

Lots of woodworking crafts came home in October. Students created wood slice pumpkins, pipe cleaner trees, and witch's hats. In November, we will practice our hammering skills with golf tees and pumpkins. We will also do a lot of tinkering, so don't be surprised if there is a week or two without a take-home project. We will be working hard on those fine motor skills during Woodshop.



Music

Last month, we learned about sound effects and added our own sound effects to some of our favorite stories. We also enjoyed making our own rhythms and drumming on pumpkin drums! In November, we will be learning special songs to share with our friends during the Thanksgiving feast.



Creative Movement

In October, we were able to get outside and enjoy Fall weather in Creative Movement. We hopped over hurdles, played running games on the front lawn, and went for a nature walk. We ended the month inside with scootering along a giant spider web. In November, we will play "Turkey Tag" outside so be sure your child has all the appropriate cold weather gear (hats, gloves, and a warm jacket) for Creative Movement.



Messy Mondays

One of the goals for Messy Monday is to have the children practice using their senses - sight, hearing, touch and smell. One of our favorite ways to practice is by taking Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head hikes - reach in to the grab bag and pull out a part (hand, mouth, eye, ear) and use that sense and share with the group. Nature allows children to look outside themselves at the world and living things. Water, colors all around us, building with bricks and sticks and learning about leaves have been some of the topics of exploration the past 6 weeks. Mrs. Zerk and I are super excited to start offering Messy Mondays year-round! We hope you will join us!

Healthy Habits

In November, the National PTA celebrates National Healthy Lifestyles month by promoting physical activity, healthy eating habits, and reducing screen time. On November 29, 2018 the National PTA encourages schools to celebrate "Get Off Your Apps Day". Try a technology-free day. It's a good break for both you and your children. Get outside and enjoy time together moving.

If you'd like more information about the Get Off Your Apps- and Move app that can be installed on devices to limit screen time check out their site: <http://goyamove.com/the-solution/>

More information on National PTA Healthy Lifestyles month can be found here:

<https://www.pta.org/home/programs/Healthy-Lifestyles/Celebrate-Healthy-Lifestyles>