



Play and Prep Preschool Newsletter

October 2019

News from the Directors- Mrs. Halley & Mrs. Johnson

What a great first month of school!

Thank you to all our families that supported our Dinner and Date Night event. Our next fundraiser will be Stoller Pastries which will be delivered in time for Thanksgiving. The fundraiser will run from October 1 through October 15th. A brochure and order form will go home with your student. You will also receive an email link that you can use to order online or share with friends and family.

We need your help in keeping our students healthy. It's easy! You take the toys home on Friday in a bin we provide, clean the toys, and bring them back the next week. Here's the link to sign-up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49a9ab2ca6f49-play1>

In October, we will have Solon firefighters visit for Fire Prevention Week. We will end the month with a Halloween Parade. Families are invited to join us on Thursday, Oct. 31 at 11:15 am (morning classes) and 2:45 (afternoon classes) to watch the children parade the school in their costumes. Extended Day parents, if you can not make it in the morning we will have Extended Day students join the afternoon parade.

Important Dates

- Oct. 1 - Stoller's Fundraiser begins
- Oct. 9 - NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 10- Firefighter visit 9:15 am and 1:15 pm
- Oct. 15- Stoller's Fundraiser orders due
- Oct. 18 - NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 22- PreK field trip to Ridgeview Farms (no extended day)
- Oct. 25- Speech screenings
- Oct. 29- Halloween party for 2's (no costume)
- Oct. 31 - Halloween Parade 11:15 am and 2:45 pm

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. 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. **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, or call 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.

Oak- Mrs. Balog



Happy Fall! We have an exciting month of activities planned for October. We will be starting with apples. We will be painting with apples and taste testing apples. Pumpkins are next with making our own geometric pumpkins. Middle of the month we will focus on farm animals and growing food on the farm. This lines up with our field trip to Ridgeview Farms where we can see all the animals and learn how a farm works. Ending our month will be Halloween fun and our Halloween parade! Enjoy the fall colors!

Pine- Ms. Cline



We enjoyed getting to know each other and our classroom routines this month. We painted and photographed self-portraits, we blueprinted and built our own recycled houses, and we talked about who makes up our families. We started our alphabet and number studies, and especially enjoyed each opportunity to practice our scissor skills. In October, we look forward to Autumnal studies as we explore, apples, pumpkins, leaves, and animals who we might find at home in a tree. We are excited for our field trip to Ridgeview Farms on Tuesday, October 22 and our Halloween celebration and parade on Thursday, October 31. Thanks for a great first month of school!

Maple- Mrs. Schofalvi



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

Willow- Mrs. Pecherkiewicz



We are off to a great start to the school year. We are getting into routines and learning to navigate the preschool environment. We learned about ourselves and created some pretty cool self-portraits. We have been highlighting one letter, number, shape, and color during circle time each week. In October we will begin some Fall activities and end the month with our Halloween parade.

2's Class- Mrs. Pecherkiewicz



We are doing a great job learning classroom routines and rules while making new friends and having new experiences at school. The month of October will be all about Fall! We will read some books, sing songs, and do some Fall inspired art. We will end the month with a Halloween party in our classroom (no costumes please).

Messy Monday- Mrs. Juergemeier



Messy Monday got off to a great start! September was about practicing the use of our senses when we are outdoors. Our senses give us the information we need to appreciate and to learn from the natural world! In October, Messy Monday topics will include sticks, seeds, soil and animal habitats. We have been very fortunate with beautiful weather days that have allowed us to be outside 100% of the time! They are going to have some very strong core muscles from all the shoveling in the dirt! Strong core muscles have a positive impact on children's balance as well as improving endurance of gross and fine motor tasks.

Outdoor Class- Mrs. Juergemeier



Outdoor classroom students have learned so many routines this first month of school! We have been working on our names recognizing, writing, first and last depending on our level. We have enjoyed full days outside picking carrots and tomatoes, creating recipes in the mud kitchen and referencing our bird, bee and butterfly guides as we find things in the garden. We counted ants, shared and painted our feelings and created a camouflage for an animal. In October, we will spend the month looking at Tremendous Trees! We will learn about tree parts and classification. We will also learn about many of the local animals and birds who live in our trees in Northeast Ohio. We will finish out the month with some Halloween fun and read and act out the Little Old Lady Who Wasn't

Afraid of Anything!

Lunch Bunch/Extended Day- Mrs. Cline and Mrs. Perlberg



We had a great first month of school! We learned our extended day routines and got to enjoy our first library and yoga afternoons. We got to know our new friends, and made some fun collaborative art in the meantime. In October, we will celebrate all things Autumn as we learn more about trees, leaves, apples, and pumpkins. We will finish up the month with a Halloween celebration!

Science- Mrs. Chapek



For the month of October, we will be learning about our 5 senses. There will be some fun activities, crafts and a fun, get your body moving game.

Woodshop - Mrs. Chapek



In woodshop this month, the students will be working on making a decorative bat (the kind of bat with kid powered flying abilities). This will be a multi week project, but the finished product will go home by the end of the month. The last week of the month will be filled with some time for free building.

Music- Mrs. Perlberg



We have enjoyed exploring the instruments in the music room last month. With fall and Halloween approaching, we will be using these instruments and other items to learn about sound effects. We will use our sound effects as we read and act out some fall stories!



Creative Movement- Mrs. Johnson

In September, we played cooperative games using hula hoops. We also did “A” activities with sand bag apples, pretended to be airplanes on scooters, and did alligator crawls through tunnels. In October, we will play hoop soccer outside to enjoy our fall weather.



Healthy Habits

Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12th with the theme: **“Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and Practice your escape!”** This year’s campaign recognizes the everyday people who motivate their households to develop and practice a home fire escape plan; these seemingly basic behaviors can have life-saving impact. A home escape plan includes working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas. It also includes two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) that’s a safe distance from the home. Home escape plans should be practiced twice a year by all members of the household.