



# Play and Prep Preschool Newsletter

November 2020

## News from the Directors

We hope you enjoyed the Fall Open House that we hosted on October 23rd. We enjoyed sharing our outdoor spaces with you!

Thank you for your support with our fundraising efforts this fall. With proceeds from the Stoller's Pastries and the Kids Kreations artwork we were able to purchase air purifiers for each classroom.

Please remember to send in gloves, hat, and winter boots as the weather starts to get cooler. We would like students to be prepared for the outdoors. If your child has borrowed clothes after a particularly muddy day at school, kindly wash and return the borrowed items.

If you are looking for a way to get involved, we are still in need of help with the school website. Website maintenance would consist of updating pictures and adding monthly newsletters.

Jody Halley & Emily Johnson

## Important Dates

Nov. 3 - No School- Election Day  
Nov. 4 - Stoller's pick up from 3:30-5pm  
Nov. 10 & 11- School picture days  
Nov. 23-27- No School for Thanksgiving Break

We have added a drop box on the playground fence to the left of the entrance doors for you to submit monthly tuition. Tuition is due the 1st of each month to avoid a late fee.

Check out our fundraising page at **Mabel's Labels** at [www.mabelslabels.com](http://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.

**Heinen's Tasteful Rewards School Program.** Register Play and Prep with your Tasteful Reward Card at [heinens.com/schools](http://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.

## Pre K Class- Oak



We have been in school for almost two months and have had great weather to teach outside! The kids love to learn and play outside and especially enjoy snack picnics. In November, we will start off by discovering castles. We will learn about different types of castles and how they were made. We will even create our own castles in the classroom. Next we will explore fairy tales. We are going to make our own versions of the Three Little Pigs homes and do STEM activities for other classic fairy tales. Ending November we will give thanks for all of our friends and families. We will discuss what we are thankful for and make something special for Thanksgiving.

Margie Balog

### **Pre K Class - Willow**



While many of us are sad summer weather seems to be behind us, our class has been embracing all Autumn has to offer. During October we were busy learning about apples, pumpkins, farm animals, and using our senses to explore fall outdoors. We have been working hard on our alphabet journals and on our fine motor skills to strengthen our writing hands. Looking forward to November, we will be diving into learning about families of all types, pets, and how we celebrate Thanksgiving. Please send a photo of your family and/or pets in with your child sometime during the month so we can add it to our Willow Family Tree!

Kaitlyn Pecherkiewicz

### **3's Class - Beech**



Happy November from the Beech class! This past month we have really begun math activities in earnest. The children are working in the emergent stage of learning in numeracy, or the ability to apply math concepts to life, so some of the lessons they have been doing in class include: counting activities, songs, and games; identifying and continuing patterns (red, blue, red, blue...); seeing that numbers can be presented in a variety of ways (three, 3,  ) and working towards consistent 1:1 correspondence using concrete representations-manipulatives. Some things you can do at home to help build numeracy skills are to point out and discuss everyday objects you come across that are big and small; first, second, last; fast and slow; and near and far. This month, we will be using the theme of transportation as the basis of our lessons. Happy Fall!

Patti Mauldin

### **3's Class - Maple**



What a busy month! We had fun exploring Autumn through leaves, apples, pumpkins, and Halloween! We've been working hard on our fine motor skills getting ready to focus on tracing and writing our letters and shapes. In November, we will be learning about our families and Thanksgiving as well as exploring our community helpers.

Lesley Perlberg

### **Outdoor Class - Pine**



In the month of October, the Pine class studied spiders, bats, pumpkins, and leaves. We turned the dirt dig area into a dramatic play center as we made traps, built bridges, and cooked soup. We used our strong muscles by wheeling pumpkins around the garden and raking piles of leaves to jump in. We tasted both sweet and salty pumpkin seeds and took a vote to decide which were the best. In November, we will learn more about the squirrels and chickadees we have seen at our garden bird feeders. We will also celebrate Thanksgiving by talking about our families and creating a family tree in our indoor space.

Laurel Cline

### **Messy Monday and Sweetgum Classes**



October gave us many beautiful autumn days to be outside learning about the trees, leaves and some animals such squirrels and birds that call them home! Afternoon friends focused on creatures of the night - bats and owls. Halloween week was the perfect time to learn about spiders and skeletons.

In November, Messy Monday and Sweetgum classes will talk rocks. We will learn some basic geology principles, practice sorting and classifying, and even start our own rock collections!

We will also start our series of animal studies – bison, turkey, bear, and deer which will continue into December. We will also be talking about thankfulness for friends and families. Thank you for all you do to support your children and our school!

Carol Juergemeier

### **STEM**



Rock and Roll! Students had fun learning about inclined planes when creating ramps and testing different objects' ability to slide or roll in last month's STEM lesson. In November, we will experiment with light. Where does it come from? How does it travel?

Emily Johnson

### **Music**



We have been busy drumming and learning about rhythm and steady beat. We will continue this focus on percussion instruments by making our own instruments and learning some fun songs to play along with!

Lesley Perlberg

### **Creative Movement**



In October, we practiced our foot skills outside with soccer. We dribbled, passed, and shot on the goal. This month we will play "turkey tag", a game similar to traditional tag using wooden clothes pins with feathers. It's a fun way to get running without using pushing to tag classmates.

Emily Johnson

### **Healthy Habits**



Trying to find something to do with the kids during family time at Thanksgiving? Here are some ideas:<https://www.thespruce.com/thanksgiving-games-for-kids-and-families-1356366>

This website has some active games including Turkey Tag which is similar to the version we play in Creative Movement. There are also some fine motor control activities and games for the entire family.