



# Play and Prep Preschool Newsletter

October 2025

## News from the Directors

As September comes to a close all of our classes have enjoyed our outdoor spaces with all the warm weather, had Specials classes including creative movement, STEM, yoga, and music, learned classroom routines, and formed new friendships.

In October, we will have a Halloween celebration with our Trunk or Treat event during the regular school day on the 30th. Families are invited to decorate their trunks and dress up and help celebrate with our classes. More information and a sign up will be shared soon. Our Stoller's fundraiser is also underway. They have delicious fall treats and items come frozen which can be thawed and baked at your convenience. You can order online by October 7th: [Stoller's Fundraiser](#)

Items will be ready for pick up October 28th between 11:30 am-noon in the pavilion. Share the above link or QR code with your family and friends.



As the weather changes, it is time to send in an extra set of seasonal clothing including long pants, long-sleeved shirt or sweatshirt, and socks. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather each day including outerwear (jackets, hats, and gloves if needed). If your child is wearing boots to school please make sure to send indoor shoes for the day.

Thank you and Happy Fall!

Jody Halley & Emily Johnson

## Important Dates and Information

<b>October</b>	2	No School- Yom Kippur
	13	Board meeting - 7pm
	20	No School- Diwali
	30	Trunk or Treat
<b>November</b>	7	No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences Scholastic Bookfair

Support Play and Prep Preschool year round with Mabel's Labels and Heinen's School Program: 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.

**School Calendar:** [2025-2026 calendar](#)



### **Scholastic Books**

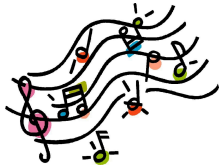
We will be hosting a Scholastic Bookfair during conferences on November 7th during Parent/Teacher Conferences. Teachers will be creating wish lists to add to our school library. Be on the look out for more information to come as we near conference time.



### **Yoga**

Namaste and Happy Fall. Last month in yoga we went over what yoga is, and we practiced poses that start with the same letter as our first names. This October we will be going over yoga poses that represent the different seasons. We will be discussing the season of Autumn and put on our dancing shoes for an Umbrella Dance.

Ms. Kiersti



### **Music**

Welcome back Play and Prep families! Looking forward to a great year with your kiddos exploring elements and themes of music through song, dance, instrument play, and relaxation. This month students were introduced to a new hello song incorporating the many ways we say hello around the world (e.g. hello, hola, kon'nichiwa, mahalo, and ciao). As the year progresses we will learn even more ways to say hello! Our hello song offered the opportunity to work on echo singing which is a foundational music skill helping build our knowledge of pattern recognition and imitation in music.

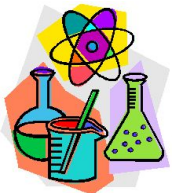
Miss Abbey



### **Creative Movement**

Our main objectives in Creative Movement are to move our bodies, try new movement patterns, and have fun. In September, we were outside playing cooperative games with the giant parachute, Red Light/ Green Light, and a game like musical chairs. In October, we plan to be outside again (weather permitting) for class with a soccer lesson. We will practice some foot skills with dribbling and shooting.

Mrs. Johnson



### **STEM**

In September, we talked about buoyancy in STEM. Ask your scientists about the objects that floated or sank, and if they were surprised by any of them. Did all the rocks sink? What about the shoes? In October, we'll take a closer look at leaves, and talk about their shapes and changing colors!

Mr. Ryan

## Looking for items

If you have extra plastic grocery bags (those with handles) we would love to have some for our Trunk or Treat event. We are making our outdoor area more festive. Your student is welcome to bring in small pumpkins and gourds for the outdoor area.

## Did You Know?

## The Learning Garden

The idea of an expanded outdoor classroom space started in the spring of 2015 through a conversation between Carol Juergemeier and Sasha Miller whose two sons were enrolled in the preschool. James & Sasha Miller, Eric & Jackie Guttenburg, Becky Utterback and Bill Farthing were some of the key founding group of parents. Parents, staff, and Boy Scouts and Girl Scout troops have put in countless hours throughout the years in building the Learning Garden to what it is today!



### Fun facts:

- To keep back the invasive vines that had taken over, the garden is built upon several lasagna style layers of cardboard, newspaper, grass clippings all donated by Play and Prep families during the first couple of years. Add in several years of mulch and the kids are probably now walking on a dozen layers of organic matter!
- The entire learning garden was initially created using donated and found materials. The tall back fencing used to surround a staff member's swimming pool and the rest of the original fencing was made from collected wood pallets. Every garbage night was a potential new source of material in the early years.
- Plants were donated by families, staff, garden club events, Home Depot, Lowes Greenhouse and Davey Tree. Grants and annual plant sales have further supported the garden as it has grown.
- The Mud Kitchen was built as an Eagle Scout project.
- Messy Monday was the first class offering starting in the Fall of 2016.
- Once a teacher found a baby possum inside the storage shed!



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