



BCP News & Notes

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A NOTE FROM MRS. ROMA

Welcome to another school year. It's hard to believe it is already October and the cooler weather and beautiful autumn colors are on display.

The 3s class is off to a wonderful start. Your children are adjusting to the school routine, learning to share and use good manners and making new friends. I love that they are super curious and care for each other. They especially enjoy the different snacks brought in by the helper of the day and spending time outside on the playground.

During the month of September we talked about monkeys, apples, fall and read books by Eileen Christelow. We also enjoyed harvesting potatoes from the preschool garden and adding our colored handprints to the wall in the preschool stairwell.

In mid-September we began the Color of the Week. We will make a puppet and learn a poem for each color. Thank you for helping your child dress in the color of the week each Tuesday.

October is fire safety month. Eastern Berks Fire Company will bring a fire truck to preschool and teach us about fire safety. We are having fun making projects with different art supplies and enjoying books written by Todd Parr this month.

Autumn is a busy time at preschool. We are learning about the changing seasons and doing activities related to sunflowers, spiders and pumpkins. In November we will make homemade applesauce and talk about squirrels, nuts and Thanksgiving.

Mrs. LaSalle and I really enjoy working with your children. Their bright smiles and enthusiasm for learning make coming to work so much fun.



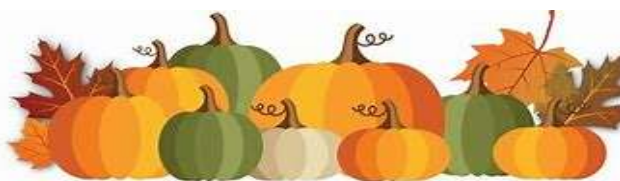
AUTUMN WEATHER

Everyone looks forward to our outside play time. As the seasons change, our playground can be a little cool in the morning. You may want to begin sending in hats and gloves. Also please check your child's backpack to see that their change of clothing is weather appropriate.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- ~ Preschool Closed - Monday, October 12
- ~ Speech Bus - October 14
- ~ Pancake Breakfast - Saturday, October 17, 7:00 - 10:00 AM
- ~ Eastern Berks Fire Company - October 22 & 23
- ~ Fall Frolic - Saturday, October 24, 1:00-3:00
- ~ Lions Club Vision/Hearing Screenings - October 26 & 27
- ~ Fall Conferences - Week of November 2
- ~ Fall Play & Learn Class Ends - November 13
- ~ Thanksgiving Vacation - November 25 - 30
- ~ Christmas Program - Sunday, December 6, 6:30 PM
- ~ Christmas Vacation - December 23 - January 1
- ~ Winter Play & Learn Classes Begin - January 7 & 8 **Registrations are now being accepted for these classes. Applications are available online or contact the preschool office.**
- ~ Monday, January 18 - Preschool Closed
- ~ Preschool Open House - Wednesday, January 27, 9:00-11:30 AM



LET'S FIND OUT

Free additional activities and games that go along with the Weekly Readers can be found at letsfindout.scholastic.com. Click on "sign in" then "student". Our classroom password is BCP2020.

LUNCH BUNCH DATES

October 7, 14, 21 & 28
November 4, 11 & 18
December 2, 9 & 16



FOUR-YEAR-OLD CLASS – Mrs. Gehman

The four-year-old class is settling into the classroom routine and enjoying the many activities available in the classroom. It has been a joy to be outside every day with our students. We are thankful for the good weather.

During the first week of school, we had fun making horses and cowhand hats. Next, we learned about our emotions and how to keep some of our emotions small instead of allowing them to get too big. We made puppets for each emotion and learned poems to help us calm down. We talked about ourselves, made a mirror with our reflection and brought in a family picture for Show and Tell. We also harvested potatoes that were planted by last year's classes.

As September came to an end and October began, we started Letter of the Week with letter A. We made apple pudding and taste-tested red, yellow and green apples. We saw the shape apple seeds make when an apple is cut in half (ask your student what it is) and we made apple cores with real apple seeds as well as apple prints made with real apples.

The first full week of October was F week. We talked about fall, painted real leaves with fall colors, wore

flannel on Friday and enjoyed a field trip to Bauman's Family Apple Butter Factory. Thank you, Bauman's, for making our trip special by giving us a snack of apple butter and apple cider. Next up is letter O. We will make octopi and talk about owls. For letter P we will paint orange pumpkins, taste-test pumpkin seeds and help to carve a pumpkin. We will also have a visit from Eastern Berks Fire Company. Thank you to all the firefighters who come out and teach us about fire safety! We will end October with the letter S and have Silly Sock Day, make a life-sized scarecrow and sponge paint squirrels.



In November we will talk about letters M, N and T. We will make corn muffins, Thanksgiving placemats, noodle necklaces, Native American headbands, Pilgrim hats and turkey headbands. It will be fun to prepare and participate in our special Friendsgiving Day as we learn about the first Thanksgiving and how to work together. Mrs. LaSalle and I look forward to seeing how much each child will grow this year.

SPANISH CLASS - Mrs. Gehman

Spanish class has started and your children are learning many words already! Each week we practice saying "Hola", go over the calendar, the season and sing songs to go with them. We end our time together with the goodbye song and saying "Adiós".

We started the year with "palabras de maneras y saludos", manners and greeting words. Our second theme of the year is "colores" (coh-lor-ace), colors. The three-year-old class will learn six words and the four-year-old class will learn 11 words. We will make color books which will be a great way to keep practicing at home. After that we will learn "formas", shapes. What a privilege to teach Spanish to your children!



PLAY & LEARN CLASS - Mrs. Hendricks

Fall Greetings from our Play & Learn class!

All of the children have quickly settled into the classroom routine. We had a few students return from a previous session, and they were more than happy to greet some new friends and show them all our fun-filled classroom has to offer.

Our first class we talked about how God made each one of the children unique and special. Last week we learned about apples. We'll continue with fun fall topics including leaves, owls, squirrels and pumpkins. And don't forget the fire trucks!

We have had some spectacular weather and will be going outside as long as we are able. Thank you for sharing your curious two-year-olds with us. Miss Longacre and I are enjoying getting to know them.

Fall Frolic

Join us for a fun afternoon on Saturday, October 24 from 1:00 - 3:00. There will be games, crafts, face painting, a hay maze and food. Event held rain or shine in the church parking lot and fellowship hall. A Sign-Up Genius link was emailed to preschool families.

MUSIC CLASS –Mrs. Roma

Greetings from the Music room! Each music class begins with listening to music featuring different instruments and composers. We have been singing get to know you songs and learning fun seasonal songs with different motions.

There are so many songs about apples, falling leaves, squirrels, spiders and pumpkins to learn and sing together. Your children are doing a wonderful job remembering the words to the songs and there is lots of enthusiasm and laughter as we clap, snap, jump, stomp and dance to the songs we are learning.

Musical opposites are our current focus: Fast/slow, loud/soft and high/low. We will be sharing some of our favorite songs with you at our Christmas Program in December. Family, friends and neighbors are invited with a fellowship time to follow!

Food Pantry

The Bally Mennonite Church food pantry is open to preschool families. The pantry is open on Sundays from 9:00 - 10:15 AM or make an appointment with the church secretary by calling (610)845-7780.

Prayer requests

If you ever have any prayer requests or concerns, Bally Mennonite Church would be happy to pray for your family. Email requests to ballyprayerchain@gmail.com.



Hearing/Vision Screenings

The Lions Club will be doing free pass/fail vision and hearing screenings on October 26 & 27. Additional information and permission slips will be sent home at the beginning of October.

Speech Bus

Speech Therapist, Brittany Lupini will be conducting mini speech evaluations on October 14. The cost is \$15. Register online.

Fundraising Updates

You are invited to join us on Saturday, October 17 from 7:00 - 10:00 AM for a delicious breakfast. The menu includes pancakes, French toast, scrapple, sausage, eggs, breakfast cakes, juices, coffee and tea. Thank you to those who have volunteered for this event and offered to provide baked goods. The cost is a donation and all proceeds benefit the preschool. Spread the word!

Staples recycles so much more than ink cartridges. We can now recycle calculators, flash drives, tablets, iPads, eReaders, glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, pens, markers, highlighters, phones, iPhone cases and earbuds. Items may be sent to preschool any time.

Redner's - Use your rewards card when shopping and turn in your receipts any time. BCP receives 1% of the total.

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