



LCNS Newsletter

October 2014

Lincolnshire Community Nursery School

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 6th

3's and Pre-k school pictures

October 7th

On My Own and Parent-tot individuals

October 9th

No School- Teacher In-service with the State of Illinois

October 13th

No School- Columbus Day

October 18th

Pumpkin Fest 9-11 AM

October 22nd

No School- Teacher Meeting

October 30th

OMO Halloween Parade and Party

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all who attended our Parent Night. It is wonderful to see the interest and enthusiasm our parents have for their children's early education. We always welcome you to participate in our events and daily activities. If you could not make Parent Night and would like information on the evening, please feel free to ask your teachers. They would be happy to share with you anything you may have missed.

Fall is here and the children are getting into the routine of school very nicely. Every program level has their month of activities and learning goals described in the newsletter. Please take time to read your child's activities and share with them as they learn and discover. One note of safety to all parents; please try and put your phones down or away while you are in the pick-up line. It is very easy to get distracted and the teachers need all eyes on the kids.

The teachers will be contacting all parents by telephone during the first couple weeks of October to discuss just how well things are going for your child at school and any questions or concerns you may have. This is one of many opportunities we like to provide to parents to help build a positive working relationship between home and school.

Picture Day is almost here at LCNS. Karen Rodgers is a local photographer with many years of experience in photography and we are looking forward to having her here once again. She will photograph the 3's and Pre-k kids on Monday, October 6 and the On My Own class and Parent and Tot individuals on Tuesday, October 7. Please remember to turn in your picture envelope with your package choice. Thank you ahead of time for those parents who volunteered to help with picture day.



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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR (CONTINUED)

We are excited once again to host our Fall Pumpkin Festival for all of our families on Saturday, October 18, from 9-11am. All current families of LCNS are encouraged to come. It promises to be a fun family event filled with games, pumpkin painting, tattoos, food and more! Please be on the lookout for a registration form to fill out prior to our event. We encourage anyone who would like to help with this fun event to contact Daphne Berryhill at daphneberryhill@comcast.net

Halloween is our first holiday we celebrate together at LCNS and we want it to be fun for all. The OMO class will celebrate Halloween on Thursday, October 30. The 3's and pre-k classes will celebrate on Friday, October 31. Children are encouraged to wear a costume but it is not required for anyone who is not comfortable wearing one. We will begin each day with a wonderful costume parade and we hope our parents will stay and cheer us on. After the parade, we will continue with a typical preschool day. We will not trick or treat in our classrooms so we ask that parents not send anything for the children to pass out to their individual friends. However, we will have a party in each of our classrooms during the last half hour of class. Teachers will have sign up sheets in the rooms for parents to bring paper goods, drinks, and special party snacks. Some healthy ideas for party snacks that the children enjoy are: cheese and crackers; bagels and cream cheese; fruit; veggies; and yogurt. **Please remember homemade items or anything with nuts, or processed in a facility with nuts, are NOT allowed.** Parents are encouraged and welcome to attend the parties.

Enjoy nature's beauty this month and as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Warmest regards,

Amy Morrissey

Director, LCNS

On My Own News

Parent News

Picture day is Tuesday, October 7th. Please dress your child in something nicer for photos, but remember, we will go outdoors to play. We will celebrate Halloween on Thursday, October 30. We will parade around the big room within the first few minutes of class-time and then you are welcome to come for our party at the end of our school day. Our party will begin at 11:00. Please remember no homemade items or items with nuts are allowed. All are welcome to attend. We will be making calls home this month to update you on how your child is doing and get your feedback as well.

NO SCHOOL:

Thursday, Oct. 9: Teacher In-service

Student News:

Our first unit for October will be fall. We will learn about apples and leaves. We are planning to be investigators and go on a nature walk to collect items and make a fall collage. When we study apples, we are going to use our math skills to taste them and graph our favorite kind of apple. Our other unit for the month will be Halloween. We will read some fun stories and finger paint a project for the very first time. Don't forget to wear your costume to school on the 30th!

Books This Month

Apple Farmer Annie
Fall Leaves Fall
Mouse's First Fall
Big Apple Book
Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf
It's Pumpkin Time
What is Halloween

October

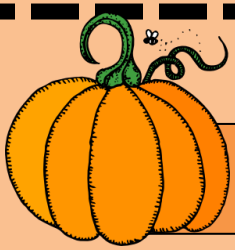
Looking Back...

September was a great month! Some of our favorite activities were; riding bikes and climbing on our outdoor equipment; painting at the easel; singing “Hickety, Pickety, Bumble Bee” as we learned each others names; and singing “Old McDonald” with Mrs. K in music.



Questions/Concerns??

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3's October Happenings

Parent News

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NO SCHOOL:

Thursday, Oct. 9th –
teacher in-service

Monday, Oct. 13th –
Columbus Day

Wednesday, Oct. 22nd –
staff meeting

Student News:

We have such a fun filled month of activities. We will start out with a unit on Apples. We will taste and graph our favorites, we will make patterns with apples and we will sort apples according to color. Next we are jumping into fall with leaf patterning, marble painting leaves and using our estimating skills to determine the weight and height of a pumpkin compared to other items in our room, including our kids! The last part of October includes lots of fun Halloween learning activities including baking pumpkin muffins, counting and patterning with pumpkins, and making some spooky crafts that utilize our cutting and gluing skills! We will carve a pumpkin as a class (teachers do the carving) and the kids get to scoop out the insides as we discuss the growing cycle of a pumpkin!

Monthly Themes:

Sept. 29 – Oct. 3:- Apples
October 6-1:- Fall
October 20-31: Pumpkins
and Halloween

October

Fine Motor

We will be working on proper scissor grip and cutting on the lines. We will be working on placement and gluing when we make a spooky big, green monster and a witches head!

Math Skills

We will practice one to one correspondence by counting candy corn and identifying numbers on the number line. We will be practicing patterning by creating a leaf pattern strip. We will be weighing pumpkins and measuring for cooking.

Literature

The Busy Tree
Apples For Everyone
Ten Apples Up On Top
Leaf Man
Pumpkin, Pumpkin
Go Away Big Green
Monster
Pumpkin Soup
Boo To You
Spookley The Square
Pumpkin
The Little Green Witch
It's Pumpkin Time
Monster Musical Chairs

Table Top

Our small back table by the dress up area holds a different fun activity for the kids to explore every day. This month some of the things our table top will include are the Apple Sorting Game, Magnets, Mr. Potato Head Legos, Leaf Matching Game, Lincoln Logs, Geo Boards and Dry Erase Boards.

Science

We will bring various pieces of fall into our class for the kids to explore in our science area. We will delve into the inner workings of an apple, go on a nature hunt to look for fall leaves and acorns and discover gourds!

October

Looking Back...

September was a great month! We all enjoyed sharing our class "Brown Bear" book. Please remember to send in your All About Me and Grandparents pages if you haven't done so.

Field Trip

Our class will go on a fun field trip to Sunset in November during our nutrition unit!



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**Pre-
K**

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NO SCHOOL:

Thursday, Oct. 9th:

Staff training

Monday, Oct. 13th :

Columbus Day

Wednesday, Oct. 22nd :

Staff meeting

Student News:

We have such a fun filled month of activities. The 'Art Lady' will make her first appearance this month and will introduce us to a famous artist! We will start out with a unit on autumn and camping. Get ready to go camping in the second week of October. We are going to build a campfire, sing songs and maybe even eat s'mores around the campfire. We will take a nature walk to collect some changing fall leaves and other treasures we might find outside to make fall collages! We hope you like fishing, because we are going to do that during this month as well! We will finish out the month with celebrating Halloween. Start thinking about what costume you will wear for our party on the 31st!

Monthly Themes:

October 6-17:

Camping/Autumn

October 20-31: Pumpkins/
Halloween

October

Fine Motor

We are working in small groups on cutting leaves and tearing paper to strengthen our hands, fingers and pincer grip.

Look out for our big “pound-a-pumpkin” during this month too!

Math Skills

The calendar gives us the opportunity to count numbers to 31, We discuss more than, less than and equal with our weather graph and attendance chart. Small group games this month include pumpkin number recognition 0-10 and pumpkin bingo!

Literature

When We Go Camping
We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Skeleton Hiccups
Chocolate Chip Ghost
Witches Brew
Little Orange House
Curious George Goes Camping
Pig Pig Goes to Camp
Franklin's Sleepover
Leafman
Fall is not Easy
Owl Babies
Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf
Pumpkin Circle
A Little Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything

Reading/Writing

Our Jolly Phonics program has started off with great enthusiasm! The children sing a song to go along with the letter of the week. The songs reinforce the letter sounds and are accompanied by a hand motion to help them remember the letter! Our letters this month include E, H, & T. The children will be challenged to create a “fall” creation of their choice using the materials around the classroom. They will be asked to “write” about their creation in whatever format they are comfortable expressing themselves. We look forward to sharing these with you in November!

October

Looking Back...

September was a great month! The children have adjusted well to our classroom routine. We all enjoyed sharing our 'All About Me' pages. ☺ One of our favorite class activities was using the face paints to go on our circus walk into the 3's class!!



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October Enrichment

E.A.G.L.E.S

In EAGLES this month our unit has been birds. We focused our learning on the characteristics of birds such as feathers, wings, beaks and claws. We also read many books on owls and penguins. During center time we focused on math skills such as small, medium and large, number recognition, and counting. The students have also been practicing writing their names and doing tracing activities to enhance their fine motor skills. Their gross motor skills have been put to the test doing the "chicken dance" and waddling like penguins. Every class we also read a chart poem that is quick and easy for the students to repeat. We use that at large group time for letter and word recognition. We are starting a unit on bats for the month of October!

Journals

Journals are a big part of our class. Students have the opportunity to write about something they did in EAGLES that day. Most dictate sentences to us and then they illustrate their entry. Some are beginning to write letters that they hear in the words. They all read back what they wrote and are very proud of their emerging writing skills!

Books We Love!

"A Home For A Bird"

"Tacky The Penguin"

"Duck on a Bike"

"The Littlest Owl"

October Enrichment

Book Club

We have had a great start to this new program! Our theme has been "The Gingerbread Boy." Not only did we read this book but we read different versions of this book too! We went on a fun scavenger hunt to find the gingerbread boy and made gingerbread muffins. The students also made gingerbread houses out of fruit loops and graphed their colors using the cereal. We read a great book called "It Looked Like Spilt Milk" and made milkshakes and created pictures of clouds with shaving cream and glue.


Independent Reading

When the students first come in to class, they choose a book that is based on our theme and for five minutes look at the pictures and try to tell the story in their mind. This fosters independent pre-reading skills!! We also read one of our favorite books at the end of the day.

Centers

During our center time we have been working on sequencing a story, listening to a book on CD, writing and reading our exciting book club word wall words; go, run, can, and I. They also get a chance to meet with one of the teachers to write in their journals about the day. They dictate a sentence for us to write and then they illustrate.

Books We LOVE!!



"Three Pigs and a Gingerbread Man"
"The Gingerbread Girl" "The Matzo Ball Boy" "The Gingerbread Cowboy"



Music Notes



From Mrs. K

News from the Music Room

What wonderfully musical children we have here at LCNS! All classes have been meeting for music once a week. We've been singing new songs, using felt boards and experimenting with rhythm sticks and scarves. Hopefully your child has been singing some new songs for you!

Did You Know?

The Vernon Public Library has an extensive children's CD music library available for checkout. Some of our favorites: Laurie Berkner, Jim Gill, and Raffi.

Song of the Month (Hello Song for 3 yr. old class)

Hello everybody,
How do you do?
How do you do?
How do you do?
Hello everybody,
How do you do?
I love you today!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 3's and Pre-K pictures	7 On My Own and Parent and Tot individuals	8	9 No School-Teacher Inservice with the State of Illinois	10	11
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19	20	21	22 No School Teacher Meeting	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 OMO Halloween Parade and Party	31 3's and Pre-K Halloween Party and Parade	