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4's/UPK/5-day classes October Newsletter 2018 Kirstin O'Connell
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Dear Parents,

We are off to a wonderful start at nursery school! The children are making a good adjustment to our routines and making new friends quickly. We are looking forward to sharing many happy and memorable experiences this year with your children.

During the month of October, we will be talking about Apples, Colorful Leaves, Changes in Weather and other signs of Fall's arrival. Many of our projects, discussions and activities will include the seasonal changes. Please watch for the wonderful crafts and projects that your child brings home. We appreciate having backpacks emptied each day.

To go along with our themes during October, we will be visiting Stokoe Farm. All of Mrs. O'Connell's classes and Mrs. Hart's classes will go on Wednesday October 10th. Our scheduled time is 10:30a.m-12:30p.m. Please have the children there at 10:15a.m. Please meet in front of the Stokoe Farm entrance 15 minutes prior to the start of your field trip so we have time to take attendance and settle our admission fees. Please remember that for this fieldtrip, parents or caregivers are responsible for transportation. Family members are welcome to join us during the field trip \$7 each.

October also brings Halloween. We plan to carve a Jack-O-Lantern and dry seeds to roast for our Halloween party. Halloween parties will be on **Wednesday, October 31st** on that day, children may bring in their costumes in a tote bag. PLEASE LABEL YOU CHILD'S COSTUME! We will help the children dress at nursery school when the celebration is beginning. NO MASK'S PLEASE, as they may scare our new friends. You are welcome to join us to see our costume parade. The morning class parade will be at 11:40 and the afternoon class will be at 2:40. Children will be dismissed in costume.

We will be using scissors in the classroom this year. Most children are eager to cut with scissors, but some children have difficulty. A child must combine small motor skills (control and coordination of small muscles in hands, wrists and eyes) with an intellectual task. A pre-requisite to cutting is tearing, so allow young children to practice tearing paper before teaching them to use scissors. Discuss safety rules and provide appropriate scissors (rounded points). Show them to hold the scissors in one hand and paper in the other. Let your children cut paper up that can be used for art projects or collages. By practicing, the children become more proficient. As they become more proficient, let them cut straight and curved lines, using magazine pictures for example.

At school we teach the children to put on their own coats. We teach the "flip" method. The child lies their coat on the floor in front of them. While standing at the hood they slide their arms into the sleeves and "flip" the coat over their head. They are SO excited and proud to get dressed on their own. Please celebrate with them in their success.

We would also like to let you know that we have mentioned to the students the importance of not sharing food. We have some students who have allergies and we want to make sure that they do not get sick. If you could reinforce the not sharing of food at home, it would be appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Please also remember to re-read our Sick Child Policy found in the handbook. For the sake of all students and staff at Rush Nursery School, please follow the guidelines that have been established. Thank you. We also ask that you reinforce at home that a sneeze/cough be done into the child's elbow and not their hand. We greatly appreciate your help in teaching how to not spread any germs.

We are really looking forward to a great year at Rush Nursery School. We will use every opportunity at nursery school as a learning experience. Thank you for helping support us at home.

Please do not ever hesitate to call or e-mail either of us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September

30-RNS Stroll 11AM

October

8-Monday-Columbus Day (school closed)

9-Tuesday (No school for Tu/Th classes)

28-Trick your Table Event 4PM

November

3-Mother's Saturday

5-Monday – 2nd quarterly tuition payment due

7-Picture Day for MW/MWF and UPK

8-Picture Day-Tu/Th and KinderPrep Classes

12—Monday-Veterans Day (school closed)

19-23-Thanksgiving Recess, School closed

Please remember to look at our website at Rushnurseryschool.org for important information. Monthly Newsletters, Peek at the Week and Helper Schedules will always be posted on your teacher's class page.

Also to let all of you know that if you go to www.KidZone.ws and www.handwritingworksheets.com and link to the tracer pages, you can type in your child's name and it will allow them to trace their names and other words correctly. We have been using these in our classes.

October Songs and Finger Plays

I'm A Little Apple

(Sung to the tune of "I'm A Little Teapot")

I'm a little apple,	(Hold arms at side.)
Round and red.	(Use arms to form a big circle.)
Here are my leaves,	(Touch top of head with both hands.)
Here is my stem.	(Touch head with one hand.)
When I finish growing,	(Hold arms at side.)
Round and red	(Use arms to form a big circle.)
I fall from the tree and	(Pretend to start falling.)
Land on my head!	(Fall down.)

Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on the gate.
The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late."
The second one said, "There are witches in the air."
The third one said, "But we don't care."
The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run."
The fifth one said, "it's Halloween fun."
Ooo-ooo-ooo went the wind,
And out went the lights.
The five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

Three Little Witches

(Sung to the tune of "Ten Little Indians")

One little, two little, three little witches.
Fly over haystacks, fly over ditches.
Slide down moonbeams, without any hitches.
High ho Halloweens here!

Black Cat

Black Cat, Black Cat.
Looking for a witch.
All round the night is dark as pitch.
You can see because your eyes are green.
Black Cat, Black Cat.
This is Halloween.