

# Children's House Chatter

October 2023



## Junior & Upstairs Class:

We are enjoying Fall pursuits, collecting natural outdoor treasures. Please help your child find pinecones, acorns, Magnolia pods, sweet gumballs, pine needles, leaves, etc. We also need playground pebbles for our outdoor sensory lesson table. Our garden yielded more okra and cucumbers last week! Everyone is learning to follow directions, sequential lessons, and stem activities. We are busy decorating for the Saturday morning Carnival! Please bring your friends! Costumes welcome.

## Outside Class:

This month, we are doing a lot of Halloween art. In group lessons, we are discussing North American culture, food, animals, and about farmers, farm houses, and farm land. We are doing science activities also, as well as talking about Halloween this month so far. Everybody is so excited about what costume that they are going to wear and what they are going to be for Halloween. Our class will allow Halloween costumes to be worn by the children in class on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please do not allow your children to bring additional costume items or accessories - just makeup and clothing only. In the individual lessons, the children's work time is from the time they arrive till 10:30am.

Parents, please remember: Every Friday you must take all your child's belongings which are packed into their bags. Please do not forget to ask for your children's items on Friday's.

## Toddler Class:

The children are loving the beautiful weather! Please make sure your child's bag has weather appropriate clothing. We are working on a few classroom rules: Nothing goes in our mouth except for food. If you see your child put their hands, toys, etc. in their mouth, please remind them only food goes in their mouths. It is also time to get rid of the pacifiers. The kids go all day and nap at school without it. We have several children who must always have something in their mouths. We are continuing to wash hands constantly and sanitize everything because we have a stomach bug going around. Also have your child help clean up their books and toys. The children love to get things out, so we are working on cleaning up too. The last thing is using gentle hands and **not** throwing things, toys, blocks, books, etc.

## Infant Class:

The infant class has been constantly growing and learning new things. The Littles have been mastering rolling over, scooting their bodies forward crawling, and practicing reaching for things during tummy time by using hand eye coordination. The older ones are working on walking, continuing to use their words by saying "more" "please" "thank you" "no/stop" and "all done." We are currently learning "my work/toy", "water", "milk." They have also been learning about shapes and colors as well as talking about the different things we see in the classroom. If you received supply slips for your child, please bring those in as soon as you can. If you have not switched out your child's spare clothes for more weather appropriate clothing, please bring those in as well since the weather is starting to change.

## Quote of the Month

"There must be provision for the child to have contact with nature; to understand and appreciate the order, the harmony, and the beauty in nature."

-Maria Montessori

## School-Wide Helpful Tips & Dates to Remember...

- **Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** – PTO Meeting 6-7pm. Pizza and Child Care Provided Free of Charge.
- **Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Fall Carnival 10AM- 12NOON Rain or Shine! Children, Parents, Families, & Friends are welcome to attend. Costumes welcome! Join us for games, a bake sale, a cake walk, and food this Saturday. Wrist Bands for unlimited games will be available (\$5ea). Food will be available for purchase. (Baked Good Drop off: FRI 7AM-6PM & SAT 9:30-10AM) Volunteer to Set Up, Donate Baked Goods, Staff a Booth, or Clean Up here: <https://signup.com/go/XJAqOyf>
- **Oct 30<sup>th</sup>** – **Nov 13<sup>th</sup>** – Poinsettia Fundraiser Be on the lookout for Sale Order Forms to go home Oct 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **November 1<sup>st</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>** – AR Food Bank Food Drive Send in donations. Click here to see the Most Needed Items: <https://arkansasfoodbank.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Most-Needed-Items-2022-1.pdf>
- **M-F. Nov 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>** – We will be Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. There will be No School & No Child Care