



Small Wonders Learning Center October Newsletter 2017



From the Office:

Fall is upon us and we are so excited to enjoy all it has to offer! The crisp fall air and beautiful fall colors are amazing. All of our friends will go outside daily, weather permitting so please be sure to send your child in appropriate clothing for outside play. With the start of a new season come new activities. We are looking forward fun filled year!

New Food Program Starts in October: Reminder, all families must provide their own snack and lunches for their children while they are in our care. Snack times are between 9:45-10:15am and 2:45-3:15pm and lunch is between 11:45am-12:15pm. Information is posted on our parent board along with ideas posted throughout the Center. Small Wonders will continue to provide breakfast and milk for lunch and snack times.

Fire Prevention Week: The Milton Fire Department will be visiting on us on **Monday, October 6th** to teach our friends all about fire safety and show us their equipment and truck!

School Age Sign Ups: As a reminder to all of our school age families, the Milton's School District will have their first **No School Day** on **Monday October 9th**. They also have an Early Release on **Thursday, October 26th** and **No School** on **Friday, October 27th**. Sign up boards are available upstairs for the 26th and 27th. All families must sign the clipboard indicating what your care needs are, even if you do not need care. If you do not sign up, your children will not be able to attend. In addition, you must fill out the yellow schedule change form to make any schedule changes or to use personal days. If a yellow form is not completed, you will be charged your contracted hours. If you have any questions, please see the office staff.

Halloween Parties: All of our classrooms will be having a Halloween Party. A note will be sent home regarding specifics for each classroom.

Extra Clothing Items: It is that time of year again...time to exchange your child's extra clothing items out for warmer ones. Please take the shorts and tank tops home and replace them with long pants/sweats, and long sleeve tops. Don't forget hats, mittens and jackets too!

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 7th and Thursday, November 9th from 5:30 - 7:30pm. Sign-up sheets will be available in your classrooms mid-October.

Mark Your Calendars: We will be **closed** Thursday, November 23rd and Friday the 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. In addition, we will be **closed** Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th for the Christmas Holiday and Monday, January 1st, 2018 in celebration of the New Year.

Holiday Sing: Our Milkyway and Shooting Stars friends will be hosting Holiday Sings on Monday, December 11th. Our Milkyway friends will perform at 9:30am with the Shooting Stars following at 10:00am. We will allow time in between the performances for parents to get seated. Watch for more details to follow.



Welcome Autumn Colors!
Miss Beth, Miss Terri and Miss Julia



From the Sunshine Room:

Welcome Fall! This month we will be exploring and leaning about Opposites, Farm Animals, Pumpkin Patch and Halloween! We will continue to work on our communication skills as well as use our senses to learn about the world around us. During October, we will focus on our sense of taste as we discover sweet/sour and hot/cold.

With the chilly air here, please check your child's extra clothing items to make sure they have weather appropriate items such as jackets or sweaters, hats and mittens, long sleeved shirts and pants. In addition, don't forget to check your infant's diaper supply as well as their ointment (if needed) as we want these to stay stocked and full! As a final reminder, please label all bottles (including parts) with your child's name and date.

We would like to say farewell and good luck to Olivia and Elliott as they move to the Rainbow Room this month! We will miss you and know you will have so much fun! In addition, we'd like to welcome Miss Allie, who will be joining us in the afternoons in mid-October.

Have a Happy and Safe Halloween!
Miss Marta, Miss Nikki



From the Rainbow Room:

As October brings in chilly weather, please send in warmer extra clothing items for your little one. This month we look forward to exploring Trees and Leaves, Pumpkins, Halloween and Fire Safety. Our fun fine motor activities will include decorating our own cookies and painting as well as carving pumpkins! As the beautiful colors of fall arrive, we will enjoy lots of time outside exploring the changes happening around us. We will continue to work on our social skills as we talk about our adventures and share with our friends.

We would like to wish Happy October Birthdays to Harrison and Grant. We'd also like to wish them the best as they move to the Moonbeams. A big WELCOME goes out to our new friends, Elliott and Olivia who will be joining us in October. We are so excited to have your join us!

Happy Halloween!
Miss Barb L., Miss Barb S.
Miss Taylor, and Miss Rhonda



From the Moonbeam Room:

Trick or Treat! October is already here and soon it will be Halloween! With the chilly air here, please check your child's extra clothing items to make sure they have weather appropriate items such as jackets or sweaters, hats and mittens, long sleeved shirts and long pants.

October will be a busy and fun month for our Moonbeam friends. Our interest areas will include Farmers Market, Fire Safety, Leaves and Trees, Fall Colors and Halloween. We will enjoy working on our small muscle development with painting and coloring (two of our favorites!). As part of our large muscle development, during our Fire Safety unit, we will be practicing our "Stop, Drop and Roll" technique. We will also spend lots of time outside exploring the arrival of fall and the changes happening around us. Our learning will continue throughout the month with other activities such as taste testing butternut squash, carving pumpkins, and experimenting with hot and cold through our senses.

Our Halloween Party will be October 31st please watch for more details to be sent home later.

We would love to introduce our new friends joining us this month: Harrison and Grant! We are so excited to start learning and growing with you!

Boo from the Twos!
Miss Lynn and Miss Heather

From the Milkyway Room:

As October "falls" in, we will be enjoying the season and our learning themes of Leaves and Fall, Fire Safety, Pumpkins and the color **Orange**, and Halloween! This month we are focusing on our balancing and skipping abilities. We are also going on a nature walk to check out all the changes happening around us and enjoy the pretty fall colors. We'll then head back to our classroom to do some neat art projects with the "discoveries" from our walk!

Mark your calendars!! Our field trip to Busy Barns Adventure Farm is Monday, Oct. 2nd. Make sure to send your little ones in warm clothing and comfy walking shoes!

On a final thought, with the chilly air here, please check your child's extra clothing items to make sure they have weather appropriate items such as jackets or sweaters, hats and mittens, long sleeved shirts and long pants. Have a great October and enjoy the beautiful colors that Fall has to offer us.

Have a *Spooktacular* Month!
Miss Jamie



Busy Barns Adventure Farm Trip: Busy Barns Adventure Farm offers a great outing for our friends as we take a hayride, enjoy some farm animals and of course last but not least, bring home our very own pumpkins! The Milkyways and Shooting Stars friends will be going on **Monday, October 2nd** leaving at 8:30 am and returning at roughly 11:30am.



From the Shooting Stars:

Happy October! This month our themes will be All About Me, Fire Safety, Leaves and Halloween and Food! In our first week, we will express self creatively through music, movement and art as we mix red and yellow and create Indian corn paintings. We will be doing pumpkin rubbings as we learn about the color orange. As part of our Fire Safety unit, we will make fire hats and get a visit from our local Fire Department! We will also be learning and practicing Stop, Drop and Roll.

As the changes of fall surround us, we will learn all about leaves as we use our senses and explore our outside environment. We will end the month learning about Halloween and discussing how people celebrate it in different ways or not at all. Some of our fun activities will include finger paint spiders, pumpkin carving, and pumpkin seed art.

We are all excited to see everyone's costumes and creativity at our Halloween party on **Monday, October 30th** * (*Date due to MPK classes on 31st.) Keep an eye out for the invitation.

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Happy Birthday wishes go to our friends Skyler, Peyton, Molly, Evan, Tinley and J.W. I hope you all have a fun filled day!



Trick or Treat!
Miss Melody



Comets:

We are looking forward to exciting times ahead! **Reminder: Upcoming early release and no School Dates:**

No School on Monday, October 9th

Early Release on Thursday, October 26th and No School on Friday, October 27th

We have some fun activities planned for our non-school days like a pumpkin decorating contest, sucker ghosts, monster bags and a taco relay! What? Yep, a taco relay!! 😊

We are hosting a Packer Party on our first no-school day. Monday, October 9th. Make sure to wear your **Green** and **Gold**! We will also be walking to the library. We will be in 2 groups, one leaving after snack around 10:15am and other after lunch around 12:15pm.

We are hosting a Halloween Party on the no-school Friday, October 27th. Please wear or bring in a costume. **Reminder: No weapons and no masks.**

Please check your child's folder on a daily basis. In addition, please remember that Small Wonders is not responsible for your child's personal items. These items should stay at home or in your child's backpack. The only time your child should bring items to Small Wonders is on "Show and Tell Days".

With the chilly air here, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor play. This includes having a jacket, hat, and mittens as necessary. We will go outside as long as the weather allows.

Please return your Family Involvement Activity, as we are putting together a scrapbook! Happy October Birthday wishes go out to our friends Layla, Sawyer, Jack, and Zoie, Madison, Bree, Kylee, Robert, Logan, and Tatum! We hope you all have an awesome day!

Main:

Our themes are Fire Safety, Football and Fall. We will be making fire safety plans for our homes with help from the fire department. We will also have some fun as we cheer on our favorite teams with a party on the 9th. And we'll enjoy some fun creative art using fall colors.

Fun Fridays: We will be doing activities on the black top parking lot.

Offsite:

Our themes are Dinosaurs for National Fossil Week, National Be kind to Someone Day, and Halloween! We will be engaging in lots of small motor development activities like clothespin dinos, paper plate pumpkins and tissue paper flowers. We are focusing on our social emotional skills with playing the telephone game, making thoughtful cards for friends and family and playing games like Hula-Hoop Loop and a Dino Egg Relay.

Our Family Involvement activity for October is making a decorative eye mask to wear or display on Halloween. Have fun with it and be as creative as you want! Please return it by Monday October 30th.



Have a Ghostly, Gobbly Fun and Safe Halloween!
The School Age Teachers

