



## *Welcome October*

We are about to embark on an exploration of all things pumpkin and apple. If you have any pumpkins you would like to share for our explorations please feel free to bring them into school, especially uncommon kinds. We will be examining the different ways pumpkins can look, and feel. We will add letters P, L, and A to our Pre K portfolios. We are looking forward to learning together!

### **What your child should bring to school**

To assure your children will have all they need for the day, we ask you to provide a **bike helmet, a small blanket for quiet time and a full change of clothes (don't forget to make sure this includes socks and underwear)**. For their safety they may not ride bikes, tricycles or scooters with flip flops. They need to have a strap to hold their footwear in place. As you dress your child for school each day, please remember that we play outside and love to use paint and glue! Extra clothing should be placed in a plastic bag and hung on your children's coat hook. Please label all of their items. As weather begins to change please remember that cool mornings can change to warm afternoons. Dress your children in layers so that we can be prepared for all kinds of activities. We will go outside in all kinds of weather (following the centers guidelines) **please make sure as the weather becomes cold your child has everything they will need to keep warm**. We ask that your children keep their toys at home (with the exception of their share day) The Early Learning Center provides a wide variety of toys to keep their attention. **The fireflies go outside in all kinds of weather**, please make sure your child has what they need to stay comfortable, this may include rain boots (we will be outside if the rain is light) layers of jackets, and as the weather gets colder gloves, snow pants, hats, and warm boots and extra socks.

### **Water Bottles**

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in their cubby every day. This cuts down on wait time at the water fountain, and we like to bring them outside on hot days.

## Sharing day

Each child will have one (sometimes two) day(s) each month that they may bring something from home to show and talk about at Morning Meeting. Sharing should be limited to one item of the child's choice, provided it fits into their cubby and they can carry it without any assistance (it should be small.)

Attached you will find a sharer calendar so you know when your child's share day is (remember, sometimes there will be more than one). If your child unexpectedly misses their share day they may bring a share the first day they return to school if they want. To be clear, sharing means something they show the class and talk about at Morning Meeting.

## New for October

Beginning in October you will notice a bin of books in our hallway. Please encourage your child to bring one book from this bin home each night, and return it the next day they come to school. Every day your child comes to school they should choose a new book, and put the book they borrowed from the night before back in the bin. Hopefully you will have the time to read with them each night, but if not it is also great for them to look at the book on their own.

## Peacemaking Skills Curriculum

We have begun The Peacemaking Skills for Little Kids curriculum. This curriculum teaches kids conflict resolution and respect for others. I will use this curriculum throughout the year along with the existing social emotional learning curriculum the preschool uses called PATHS. If your child starts to talk about I Care Cat, ask more questions!! They are telling you about our peace curriculum.

## Maker space

One of the centers that the children will have the opportunity to explore will be maker space. Maker space is an area where they can create things out of various supplies. I am asking you as parents to help contribute to maker space as you can throughout the year. Items that we will be collecting: toilet paper/paper towel tubes, small containers like rinsed out and clean yogurt or applesauce containers (or other containers of similar size), lids (they

make great wheels), only small plastic lids please, like you would find on water, milk or gatorade, or any other item you think may inspire creativity, as long as it is small enough to fit on a shelf. Thank you all for the donations you have already brought into school, I can see creativity blossoming as the children create. If you ever want to see a sampling of the kinds of things kids create, check out our maker space gallery (on the back of our bookshelves.

### Monthly Newsletter Preference

The monthly newsletters will be available on our website [creatingcommunityforkids.com](http://creatingcommunityforkids.com), or on the procare app. If you would still prefer to receive a paper copy please leave a note with Ms. Stacy, or let me know in an email [cstauffer@nhelc.org](mailto:cstauffer@nhelc.org)

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