



Dear Preschool Families,

I can't believe we've been in school a whole month! The children have learned so much this past month. They've learned the classroom routine, all about me, manners, germs, shapes, colors, the season changing to fall and apples. They also learned the letters and sounds of: A, S, and F. All the children are adjusting well and eager to work each day. We have such a great class.

A few reminders: If you haven't sent a change of clothes with your child to leave in their backpacks please do so. Make sure to write their name on the Ziploc bag. I have some spare clothes you can borrow if your child doesn't have any at school in the meantime. Please make sure it's weather appropriate clothing as the weather is changing. Also with the weather getting colder please send a jacket with your child. **Please label** it as the children sometimes forget what jacket they brought. I have been receiving numerous driver and background check forms. If you haven't turned yours in yet please do so as we will be going on a field trip this month. Background forms need to be done every 6 years and driver forms every year. I put these in your family folders in the foyer. Fun run is fast approaching. Please get those donations turned in! We have another week to do this. October 8th will be the last day for donations. Remember 10% comes back to our class. It is a great fundraiser for the school and really is lots of fun!! I hope all of you will be joining me on Sunday, October 1st at 3 Pm, Kennewick high school track!! Please look for a table that says Mrs. Hieb in the center of the Track. I will need volunteers to mark the back of the numbers. Please let me know if you are interested.

The month of October will be a fun and very busy time!! We will start out the month finishing up with apples and make applesauce. Please send 1 peeled whole apple (please don't cut it up, they will do that) with your child on Thursday, October 12th. Any type of will be fine. We had a taste test of various kinds of apples so maybe your child will remember their favorite one. If you can't send an apple that is fine. I will have extras. We then will start talking about leaves changing, and pumpkins. We will be going to the Hatch Patch Pumpkin Patch in Pasco, October 9th during class time (8:30-11:00). We will need volunteer drivers so we can go. For our new families here is some information about field trips. We divide the children up with the volunteer drivers. Those parents will drive the children and also be responsible for those children during the field trip. We try to put just 2-3 children per driver (including your own child). It really depends on how many driving volunteers we get. If you plan to only drive your own child we will have you join a group and help the other parents at the pumpkin patch. If you won't be attending the field trip we ask you to bring your child's car seat the day of the field trip. If your child is in day care you can leave it with them and we will get it for you. If you don't provide a car seat they will not be able to attend and will be sent to the office for you to come pick them up. This year we get to pick apples as well. That is why the fee is \$7.00. Please remember to get your money and permission slip in by Friday October 6th so I can put all the groups together. Thank you so much!! After we finish talking about leaves and pumpkins we will begin talking about Africa. This year we will focus on a different continent each month. If you have any items or food recipes from the continent we are studying, please feel free to come in and share. The kids would love it!! We will have a Halloween party on October 31st during class time. The children will decorate pumpkin sugar cookies for their snack, we will have a carnival,

classroom crafts and activities, and we also will have a costume parade and go around the entire school (It's a tradition here and all the teachers and students look forward to it). Children are allowed to wear their costumes. If your child goes to day care please put the costumes in their back packs and we will help them change. They will not be allowed to wear costumes to childcare so make sure you have another outfit for your child. This will also be a good volunteer opportunity. We can't do it without you! Thank you in advance. More information will be sent home later regarding the Halloween Party. October 28th the PTO puts on Trunk or Treat. It is truly a fun family event and I encourage all of you to come. I will be there with lots of candy! There is also a car decorating contest, fun games, food, and activities in the gym. More info will be sent through Jupiter grades at a later time. I hope you all can make it!!

I do need a PTO Rep this year to attend the meetings. I didn't have one at the last meeting. If you are interested this is a good volunteer opportunity. Also, the art and wine committee is also looking for more volunteers. Please feel free to come to one of the meetings. Speaking of Art and wine if you have any ideas for classroom projects please let me know. Remember preschool parents need 15 hours of volunteer time. The volunteer book is by the family folders or in the school office. Make sure to add your hours to it.

I have been assessing all the children. We will have conferences on October 17th, 18th, and 19th. A conference time signup sheet will be placed on my door October 9th. Please put your name down on the time that is most convenient for you. Please do not bring your child to the conference. This is a time for us to discuss your child's development. For the Pre-Kindergarten children I will send home progress reports October 16th. Please bring these to your child's conference after you have reviewed it. I will keep it and give it back to you at the end of the year.



Important Dates

- October 1- Fun Run Kennewick High School Track @ 3 PM. Picnic following in Dillion Hall
- October 4 – Blessing of the Pets 12:45 PM (you may still join us if you would like I will be there with my new puppy LULU) 
- October 9- Pumpkin patch and Apple Orchard field trip 
- October 10- Picture day
- October 13- NO SCHOOL Staff in-service
- October 16,17,18- Conferences
- October 20- Grandparents Luncheon with a Book Fair in Dillion Hall (11:00 am for preschoolers)
- October 28 Trunk or treat- School parking lot (time to be determined)
- October 31- Halloween Party 

Thank You,
Teacher Leslie