

October Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We're so proud of how much the children have learned and grown since the beginning of the school year! Here's a look at what we've been up to in class:

Learning Highlights:

- **Letters A-M:** The children have been working hard on recognizing and sounding out the letters A through M. They're also practicing writing each letter using dry erase boards and a salt tray. Our Kindergarteners are practicing reading and writing three and four letter words.
- **Numbers 1-10:** We've practiced counting and writing numbers up to 10, and learned about odd and even numbers. The kids are doing a fantastic job!
- **Calendar Skills:** Each morning we review our calendar, including the days of the week and months of the year. Ask them about their favorite day or month!
- **Classroom Care:** The children are learning how to take care of our classroom toys, share with one another, and clean up after themselves—a big part of building responsibility.



Every day, we spend about 15 minutes reading quietly in our library, which has become a favorite time for many! We have two work cycles as part of our daily routine. During this time we focus on our reading, writing and math skills. After our second work cycle and nap time, we always have a dance party or a movement activity to get the wiggles out and have some fun together!



Classroom Jobs:

We have daily classroom jobs, and the children are doing a wonderful job filling these important roles. Some of our jobs include:

- Line Leader
- Librarian
- Calendar Helper
- Caboose
- Light Monitor
- Gardener
- Weather Reporter
- Teacher's Assistant



Each day, the children rotate jobs and have the opportunity to take on new responsibilities. It's been amazing to see them grow in leadership and teamwork!

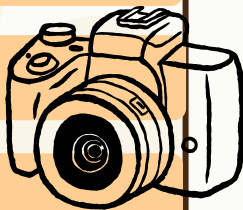
Upcoming Events:

Open House: October 5 (12pm-5pm)

Picture Day: October 11

Field Trip: October 25

Halloween Day: Noon Dismissal



Upcoming Events:

- **Open House:** Join us on Saturday, October 5th, for our Open House! There will be face painting, pumpkin decorating, beverages, and snacks. Costumes are encouraged but optional.
- **Picture Day:** Mark your calendars for October 11th! Please ensure your child comes dressed for their picture.
- **Field Trip:** We'll be visiting the Stanly Lane Pumpkin Patch on October 25th. We need chaperones, so if you're available, we'd love for you to join us. If you can't chaperone, you're welcome to bring your child and meet us there!
- **Halloween Celebration:** **Halloween is a half-day with a noon dismissal.** Children are welcome to come in costume, as we'll be trick-or-treating around the plaza. It's going to be a fun day of festivities!



We had an exciting walking field trip to the library last month! The children were so happy to explore the library and learn all about how it works.

During our visit, the kids learned:

- **How to Check Out Books:** They got a hands-on demonstration of the check-out process and even practiced checking out their own books.
- **Taking Care of Books:** The librarian shared important tips on how to care for library books, such as keeping them clean, turning pages carefully, and storing them safely.
- **The Duties of a Librarian:** The children were fascinated to learn about what a librarian does, from organizing books to helping people find the information they need. They even got to ask questions about how books are chosen for the library!

Overall, it was a fun and educational experience for everyone. We're thrilled to keep fostering a love for reading in the classroom!

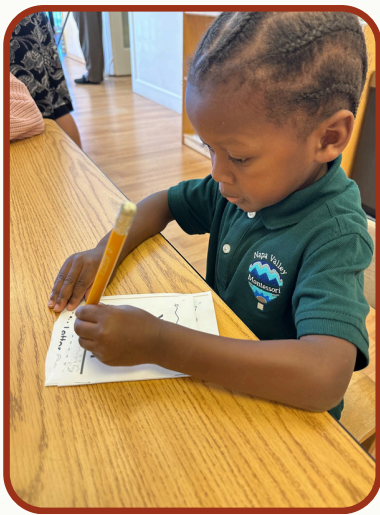
We recently had a successful fire drill at school. The children did a wonderful job listening to directions and calmly following the safety procedures.

We practice fire drills once a month to ensure that everyone knows exactly what to do in case of an emergency. Our goal is to make sure all of the children feel confident and prepared, while also ensuring their safety at all times.



Reminders:

- No Nut Policy: A friendly reminder that our school is a nut-free zone! Please ensure that any snacks or lunches you send with your child do not contain any nuts to help keep all of our students safe.
- Free Dress Fridays: Every Friday is Free Dress Day! No uniforms are required, so children can come dressed in their favorite outfits.
- Show & Tell Fridays: Fridays are also Show & Tell Days. Your child is welcome to bring something special from home to share with the class.



Thank you for all your support in making this school year such a success so far! We look forward to more learning and fun together in the weeks ahead.

Warmly,
Ms. Rachelle