



**Families,**

**September 2017**

Welcome to the Squirrel Room! During the month of September, we will be exploring the themes of: *Me, My Family, My friends and Farm.* We will have lots of activities, projects and books about these themes. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Please sign up to be a **'Mystery Reader'** this year. There is a calendar hanging in the hallway for you to sign up on. Keep this a secret from your child so they will be surprised!

We will continue to work on handwriting skills by using our Handwriting without Tears curriculum and social-emotional skills with Al and his Al's Pals friends this year. In addition, we will be using Zoo-Phonics to learn letter names and their sounds.

We will be periodically sending activities home for your child to complete with your help (if needed) and return to class. This is a great way for children to become used to the idea of homework.

"Let's Be Safe": This year, I am implementing a simple statement about safety each week. We will include a variety of topics throughout the year such as: Stranger Danger, Fire Safety, etc. We will have a short class discussion and reminders throughout the week.

During the school year we will be occasionally sending home Scholastic Book Orders. Please feel free to order if you would like. You may order on-line or with a check or money order handed into class. We will post the due date for the orders on the door.

Muffins for Mom-Please join us for our annual Muffins for Moms celebration on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If you would like to donate muffins for this event, please speak with Rachael.

Thank You, Rachael and Valerie

**Special Announcements**

**Thank you so much for the school supplies. We really appreciate your generosity to our class.**

**Al's Pals Lessons**

Week of Sept. 21st-Lesson 1  
"You're a Star"

Week of Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>-  
Lessons 2 & 3 "Welcome Al" &  
"What's a Feeling?"

**Home Activities**

- "All About Me" -Talk with your child about the special things about him/her.
- "Friendship" -Have a conversation about having friends, how to treat friends, who are your friends, etc....
- Each week, talk about our "Let's Be Safe" Statements. Discuss with your child about the safety statement we discussed in class.

**Important Dates**

- ☺ First Day of Preschool-Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>
- ☺ Muffins for Moms-Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>
- ☺ Doughnuts for Dads-Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>
- ☺ No Preschool Class-Teacher In-Service-Oct. 30th
- ☺ P/T Conferences-Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

**CDC CORE VALUES**

1. Live Each Day with Courage
2. Take Pride in Your Work
3. Always Finish What You Start
4. Do What Has to Be Done
5. Be Tough, But Fair
6. When You Make a Promise, Keep It
7. Ride for the Brand
8. Talk Less and Say More
9. Remember That Some Things Aren't For Sale
10. Know Where to Draw the Line