



October 2017



Dear Families:

First of all, thank you for the appreciated variety of donated school supplies and snack foods. Second, it has been great to meet and greet our families each day when our students arrive at center. Your friendliness helps set the tone for your child's day. It has been a busy time for your children since school began and September has already flown by! All of us have been practicing the classroom routine so hopefully it seems like old hat to us by now. Not only are we working on pre-academics but we are also focusing upon becoming more independent in taking care of our needs including checking in, toileting, hand-washing, and fastening our clothing with the zippers, snaps, and buttons that are usually found on coats. Please remember you are welcome to visit in the classroom or to observe through the observation window next door. We are happy to take time to talk with you if you have questions or concerns. Please talk to Kay so a time can be set to meet. Thank you for supporting your child's early education.

We hope your child is sharing what he or she is learning each day. The fall season has much to offer by way of interesting activities for our Robins. Now that the season is actually here, we will be talking about several fall topics. We will be going on a fall walk around our center to study the changes in the environment and we will be talking about leaves and the cooler weather. Hibernating animals, scarecrows, pumpkin science, and special fun on Halloween day will keep us busy all month long. We will be learning about the letters Ff, Pp, and Ss. AI's Pals lessons will be about handling our feelings; cooperation; problem-solving with peers; and how to be a friend.

Halloween: Children and staff may wear costumes but please remember that we may not have any weapons sent to school as part of your child's costume. As in the past, we will have Trunk or Treating in our north parking lot on Halloween Day, October 31st. We would appreciate donations of wrapped candies and some decorated vehicles to help us provide this day of fun for our students. We will have a sign-up sheet in our classroom soon for those who might like to donate some paper goods, snack items, or cars for this celebration. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Sharing Day: October 26, Thursday, will be our Sharing Day for the month. Thanks for helping your children practice what they may want to tell their classmates about the special item they plan to bring for circle. We appreciate your understanding in keeping toy weapons and live pets at home.

Best regards from Kay, Rae, and Rosie in the Robin Room.

Special Announcements

Cooler Weather: Please send your child with a jacket or coat as the fall days become cooler. Our children need to be outside whenever possible to move and to develop their gross motor skills through using their large muscles.



Home Activities

This is a great time of year to go for walks around your neighborhood or through a park to talk about the changes seen in fall.



Important Dates

**Oct. 30th-NO CLASSES
Teacher In-Service day**

**Oct. 26th-Sharing Circle Day
(show and tell)**

**Oct. 31st -Halloween Dress Up
and Treat Day**



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