

Newsletter October, 2017



Hooray! We made it through our first month! We know this can be an exciting and sometimes overwhelming transition so thank you for your help in making this a great start to the year! We are really enjoying getting to know your children, and we are seeing amazing growth in them even in the small amount of time that they have been in school. Thanks for letting us be a part of your child's life, we love getting to know them better.

Important Dates:

PARENTS NIGHT OUT: October 6th and 20th 4:45-7:45 Please see attachment for information.

Mon Oct. 30	Halloween Parade (MTH, MWF, MF classes)
Tues Oct. 31	Halloween Parade (TTHF, TTH, MTH, MF classes)
Fri Nov. 10	NO SCHOOL – Veterans Day
Wed/Thurs Nov 15/16	Individual Pictures 8:45 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.
Thurs/Fri Nov. 16, 17	Fall Gathering 10:45 & 2:30
Mon-Fri Nov. 20-24	NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Holidays

Tuition Amounts:

2 day program \$200 per month
3 day program \$280 per month
4 day program \$390 per month
5 day program \$475 per month

Sibling alert! Do you have a younger child that is not on our wait lists? Our 3 year old wait lists for 2018 are filling up fast and although siblings do have priority, we still go by the original date of application for class day preferences. Children do not have to be attending school now or even the next year in order to be placed on our “list” for the year they will start school. Many times we have parents submit an application for their infants.

Sibling applications have to be returned by December 1, 2017 to have priority status for the 2017-18 school year.

Winter Weather Advisory: We will not go outside when something is falling from the sky, i.e., snow, rain, sleet, or when it is 32 degrees or below. Our sidewalks and parking lot are always clear so your child will not need boots or snow clothes. We follow the Adams 12 School District for weather related school closings and will leave all the fun play in the snow for you to enjoy with your children!

Reminders:

Please sign in each day on the front table.
Please send in a water bottle labeled with your child's name and filled with WATER!

Tennis shoes are best for preschool.

Please remember that we are always available if you have any questions regarding your children, development or even if you just have a quick question. We may not have all of the answers but between all of us we have a lot of experience with schools and children and can hopefully steer you in the right direction!

Happy Birthday! If your child's birthday falls during the school year, you are welcome to bring a snack for them to enjoy with their classmates. Please always be certain to double check with your child's teacher to be aware of all allergy concerns in your child's class. All snacks need to be store bought with a label listing the ingredients. PLEASE double check that items are NOT manufactured in a facility that also produces nut products (this will be on the label). We want to keep all of our children safe at school! We ask that you not bring cupcakes, due to the large amount of preschoolers and equally large amounts of frosting, not a good combo! We have morning and afternoon sessions so it is difficult to clean up in the short amount of time we have in between. Please limit your birthday treats to a small snack.

We need your help! Our next theme in the activity room is "Grocery Store." If you could save any plastic bottles (ketchup/condiments etc) and cereal boxes we would appreciate it! Please rinse and dry plastic items, and no bottles that have contained nut products please. These can be placed in the school supply box by the sign in desk.

The Halloween Parade will be on **Monday October 30** and **Tuesday, Oct. 31**. If your child attends on both of those days, they will parade both days. Please be on time as the parade begins promptly at the start of school. Children come to school at their regular school time and we have a regular day with the exception of the parade at the beginning of each session. Children should come in costumes and we will have a parade (hopefully outside) – a great photo opportunity for grandparents, friends, etc. Siblings are always welcome to join in the parade. In case of bad weather, we will have the parade inside. Please no weapons! After the parade, parents will help their children change into their regular school clothes and take their costumes home.

Plan Ahead! Our School Photographer will be here on November 15th and 16th at 8:45 or 12:30 to take individual pictures of your child or children (siblings welcome). If you want a family picture you can schedule it with the photographer through their website. They have very reasonable prices and the children do very well in our familiar environment. We will have samples at the sign in table or you can visit their website at www.timelesspix.com. We will be sending a picture packet home in mid-October with prices and packages available. Pictures will be back in time for the Holidays. Class pictures are taken in the Spring.

Grandrabbit's Toy Store is again working with our school in their **Bunny Bucks program**. If you buy *anything* from their store in Boulder, Broomfield or Westminster and tell them the name of our school, (The Children's Center in McKay) they will contribute 5% of the value to our school. In January we are notified and the teachers get to spend the Bunny Bucks on books, and enrichment materials for the school. Last year we earned over \$200 to buy wonderful products for our program. Thanks for your continued support!

Mark your calendars to join us for our Fall Gathering on Thursday, November 16, and Friday, November 17 at 10:45 (for Morning sessions) & 2:30 (for Afternoon sessions) at the McKay Landing Clubhouse next door to the Preschool. Each class will sing a little song they have been working on. If your child attends both days, they will sing both days. Children will be dismissed to their parents when the Fall Gathering is over.

Parent's Night Out has started! Please see other attached document .

Our Themes this month are: Autumn and Halloween 3 Year Old Program: Math Skills: Numbers 2, 3, 4 5 Small, Medium, and Large, Learning to group and sort, Introduction to number writing, Calendar Pattern ABAB, Leaf Match, categorization.

Science Skills: Fall harvest and Animal behavior, Mother Nature at work outside, Growing a pumpkin, Growing grass, Pumpkin parts, Keeping Our Balance, Going "Batty". Our colors are orange and black.

Reading/Writing Skills: Introduction to letters F, P, M, C, name recognition, Beginning scissor skills

Favorite Books: "Fall", "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie", "If You Give a Dog a Donut", "Spookley the Square Pumpkin", "Clifford's First Autumn", "Baby Bear, Baby Bear" "The Very Busy Spider", "Teeny, Tiny Ghost", "The Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bat", "Leaf Trouble".

Favorite Songs and Finger Play: "Autumn Leaves", "A Round Little Pumpkin", "Falling, Falling, Falling Leaves", "1 Little, 2 Little, 3 Little Witches", "The Itsy Bitsy Spider", "The Orange Song", "I am a Little Scarecrow", "Flutter, Flutter Little Bat", "Bear for All Seasons", "Five Little Pumpkins Sitting on a Gate".

Pre-Kindergarten Program:

Math Skills: Counting, Number recognition, Small, medium and large, Pattern ABAB, Graphing

Science Skills: Bones & skeletons, Balance, Changes in nature, Bats, Pumpkin life cycle

Reading/Writing Skills: Pencil & scissor skills, Forming letters F, P, M, C. Forming numbers 2, 3, 4, 5

Favorite Books: "Today is Monday" "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bat", "The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything". **Songs and Finger Plays:** "5 Little Pumpkins", "The Bat Song", "I'm a Little Acorn", "The Spider on the Floor"



