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IMPORTANT DATES Mon. 1<sup>st</sup> = First Day of School Mon. 5th - School Closed in observance of the Labor Day Holiday

# **NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

We would like to welcome everyone to the 2016/2017 school year. We are looking forward to a great year! The sun is still shining bright, but fall is just a few weeks away, and it is time to get back into our school schedules. That means getting children up, fed breakfast and to school by 9:00am. Please remember late arrivals are disruptive and are unfair to all the children and the teachers, but most of all, your child will miss a great part of the enrichment program offered to them. If you are going to be late, please call and notify the office. Keep in mind that preschool is a wonderful opportunity to set up good school habits!

### **OUR TEAM**

Our teachers for this school year are as follows:

- Pixies- Gersonita and Matzalen
- Sprites- Fermina and Monica
- Munchkins- Sarayu
- Chipmunks- Dawn
- Muskrats-Lindsay
- Outside Resource/Floater-Patty
- Cook/Aide- Amberia
- Housekeeper Maria
- Office Team Esther and Jessica

# WELCOME

<u>Pixies:</u> XXX Sprites: XXX Chipmunks: XXX



### ALLABOUT ME BOARDS

This month we will become acquainted with our new classrooms and with new friends. We will also start our "All About Me" project. We will send home all of the information needed.

# **MIXED BAGS FUNDRAISING**

Our Mixed Bags fundraiser started on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will support our staff development. This year we will be raising money to send our teachers to NAEYC conference in November.

> The Mixed Bags catalog is full of reusable bags varying from lunch, storage and overnight bags. The school can receive 40% to 50% profit on all items, depending on the size of order. **All orders are due into the office on or by Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**.

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

September book orders will be available on the 6<sup>th</sup> and due on the 16<sup>th</sup>. You will find the order forms on the shelf by the entrance door. For each book your family purchases, the school receives bonus points to use toward books and other materials for the school! Parents can also order online at:

www.scholastic.com/bookclubs Online activation code is: GZX8D



SPECIAL CELEBRATION REMINDER

We welcome you to celebrate your child's birthday or any other special occasion at the center with a nutritious snack. The following are acceptable nutritious suggestions: fruit, pudding, yogurt (make fruit sundaes), muffins, 100% fruit popsicles, bagels with flavored cream cheese, frozen yogurt pushups, fruit smoothies, pizza, string cheese, nut free snack bars (fruit or granola). Cupcakes, donuts, cakes are not allowed for birthday snack.

All treats must be commercially prepared, <u>NOT HOME MADE</u>. You are welcome to participate in preparing a treat with the class. No peanut or nut products allowed. Under no circumstances will candy be allowed

# to be distributed to children.

### NATIONAL PLAYDOUGH DAY

Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> is National Play-dough Day. Each classroom will choose the play dough they want to make on that day. Children will use cutters and rollers to mold and explore their play dough.

### **CHILDREN'S CUBBY BOXES**

Children's belongings cannot come into contact with another child's bedding; therefore, each cubby has been supplied with a plastic storage bin. The cubby container MUST remain on site at all times and cannot be taken home. We suggest parents to bring a pillowcase or reusable bag to transport your child's belonging to and from school, there are many options available in our current *Mixed Bags* fundraiser.

# LOOKING IN OCTOBER Field Trip

This trip is open to Sprites, Munchkins, and Chipmunks & Muskrats. Children must have fully mastered the potty learning process unless accompanied by an adult. While at the pumpkin patch, the children will go on a train ride and a hay ride. They will have the opportunity to pick their own pumpkin from the pumpkin patch. All pumpkins will be labeled with children's names and will stay at school for the entire week to be incorporated in our curriculum. All pumpkins will be sent home after the Fall Festival, which is that Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>.

# Oct. 14th = Fall Festival

**Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> =** Great American Shake Out at 10:16am.

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> = Picture Days Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> = Read for the Record

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> & Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> = Pajama Days



