



Edgewater News



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LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

We have a Little Free Library right in front of the school walkway. The concept is easy: "Take a Book, Return a Book." We hope you and the community enjoy it! This is an effort to encourage and support the love for reading. These books can be for both children and adults. *Please remember, these books are for you to enjoy at home.*



CURRICULUM

The following areas of focus are common topics that may emerge this month: "Fall Changes," "Apples," "Pumpkin Exploration," "Halloween Safety" "Food That Helps Us Grow" Good Touch/Bad Touch," and "Human Body Parts/Different Abilities."

DATES TO REMEMBER

Spirit Day!

This month we will be having **Purple Days!** This month's spirit days will be on **Thursday, October 12th** and **Friday, October 13th!** Children are invited to wear any purple apparel!



Great California Shake Out

At 10:19a.m. on Thursday, October 19th, millions of Californians, including Edgewater Preschool, will participate in the largest earthquake drill! We will practice *Drop, Cover, and Hold.*

The *Great California Shake Out* is held statewide on the third Thursday of October each year. In addition to this large event, the teachers conduct routine earthquake drills in the classroom on a regular basis. Before and after our drill, teachers review what to do in the event of an earthquake. We invite everyone to visit the Great California Shake Out website at <http://www.shakeout.org/>.

We also would like to remind all families to **please provide your child with an "Emergency Kit."** If you need a handout on what the kit should contain, please let us know, and we can email you a copy.

Scholastic Book Orders

Scholastic book orders are available by the entrance door. Orders are due on **Friday, October 20th.** For each book your family purchases, the school receives bonus points to use toward books and other materials for the school! Orders can be submitted to the office or online at: www.scholastic.com/bookclubs Online activation code is: **GZX8D**

Field Trip

The preschool children will be going on a field trip in **October!** This field trip is open to **Munchkins, Chipmunks, & Muskrats.** Each child who attends the trip will receive a pumpkin, which will stay at the school until the Fall Festival. Children in the Sprites classroom are welcome to attend the fieldtrip but must be accompanied by an adult. **All 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, pick out their pumpkin, and go on a hay ride.

All chaperones must submit proof of their pertussis (Tdap), measles (MMR), 2023 flu vaccine (waiver available), and TB test (dated within the last year), and sign a statement of good health (forms available in the office).

The cost is **\$34/child** and **\$29/adult.**

To sign up: pick up a permission slip and submit payment (if by cash or check) by **Wednesday, October 4th.** Payment can be made by check, cash (*exact change*) or by using your Tuition Express account. Tuition Express accounts will be processed on Tuesday, October 10th. If you would like to purchase an Edgewater t-shirt for your child to wear to the fieldtrip, it may be purchased in the office for \$12 (we accept cash, check, or can be charged to your Tuition Express account).



Pajama Days

Pajama days are almost here! They will be held on **Tuesday, October 31st** and **Wednesday, November 1st.** We invite children to come to school in their pajamas. For safety reasons, children must wear regular shoes, **no slippers.**

Fall Festival

On **Thursday, October 19th,** our school will be **closing at 4pm** for our Fall Festival, which will be held from 4pm to 5:30pm. The evening will be filled with fun family activities. Families are invited to bring a pumpkin to decorate. We will have collage materials available. The children will be making a "Friendship Soup" for the event. We are asking each parent to bring in one vegetable of your choice for the soup! Please involve your child in the choosing of the vegetable. The children will be preparing the vegetables for the soup, to be enjoyed during the festival.

Reminder, school will be closing at 4pm, so children must be signed out by an authorized representative before attending the event.

Please plan extra time for pickup and event parking. The green zone in front of the school is for quick pickups; therefore, **if you will be attending an event, please park on normal street parking. Parking in the green zone will only be permitted if arriving after 4pm.**

TIME CHANGE

On **Sunday, November 5th,** we will change the clocks back one hour. Please be aware that it is normal for children to go through an adjustment period during this time.

For the children who are picked up later from school, please explain to them that it might be dark when you pick them up, as this can be confusing for children. This will reassure them that you will be here to pick them up at the usual time.

Additionally, making some small changes to your child's sleep schedule beforehand can help cushion the transition. To help adjust, it is suggested to gradually shift your child's bedtime earlier in preparation for daylight saving time. For example, if your child goes to bed at 8 p.m., about four days before the time change, put him/her to bed at 7:45 p.m., then 7:30 p.m., and so on until he/she is going to bed as close to 7 p.m. as possible.

LOOKING INTO NOVEMBER

- ***Wednesday, Nov. 1st** - Pajama day
- ***Friday, Nov. 10th** - School Closed - Veterans Day
- ***Tuesday, Nov. 14th** - Close at 4pm for staff development
- ***Friday, Nov. 17th** - Friendship Feast
- ***Thursday, Nov. 23rd & Friday, Nov. 24th** - School Closed for Thanksgiving