



Edgewater News



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WELCOME TO EDGEWATER

**** in Pixies!
**** in Sprites!

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.

Scholastic Book Orders

Scholastic books can be ordered online all year long to boost your kid's reading fandom and maybe even create moments of quality time you can share together!

<https://orders.scholastic.com/GZX8D>

Drop-Off Reminders

Drop-off must take place in the Muskrats classroom if arriving prior to 9am. Please ensure your child washes their hands upon arrival. A teacher will then guide them to their classroom or the yard. This system helps us accurately track attendance and ensures we maintain proper teacher-to-child ratios.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Great American Shake Out

At 10:15a.m. on Thursday, October 15th, millions of people, including Edgewater Preschool, will participate in the largest earthquake drill! We will practice Drop, Cover, and Hold.

The Great American Shake Out is held nationwide 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 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.

Irvine Regional Park Fieldtrip

The preschool children will be going to Irvine Regional Park Pumpkin Patch!! 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. **Children must have fully mastered the potty learning process (including napping without a nap diaper), 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 hayride.

All chaperones must submit proof of their pertussis (Tdap), measles (MMR), 2026 flu vaccine (waiver available), and TB test (dated within the last year), sign a statement of good health and chaperone agreement form (forms available in the office). All chaperone requirements must be met by Monday, October 5th.

The cost is \$42/child and \$38/adult.

To sign up: pick up a permission slip and submit payment (if by cash or check) by **Monday, October 5th**. 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 6th**. 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).

Fall Festival

On **Wednesday, October 28th**, 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 also be making a "Friendship Soup" for the event. Please have your child choose and bring in **one** single vegetable of choice for the soup on or before Wednesday, October 28th. Some suggestions are a handful of green beans, one small onion, one cabbage, one squash, corn on the cob (still in the husk), etc. 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, parking in the green zone will only be permitted if arriving after the event has already started.**

Pajama Days

Pajama days are almost here! They will be held on **Thursday, October 29th and Friday, October 30th**. We invite children to come to school in their pajamas. For safety reasons, children must wear regular shoes, **no slippers**.



TIME CHANGE

On **Sunday, November 1st**, 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.

<https://www.parents.com/5-ways-to-ease-your-kids-transition-into-daylight-saving-time-11693063>



LOOKING INTO NOVEMBER

***Sunday, November 1st** - Edgewater's 25th Anniversary!

Wednesday, Nov. 11th - School Closed - Veterans Day

***Wednesday, Nov. 18th** - Close at 4pm for staff development

***Thursday, Nov. 26th & Friday, Nov. 27th** - School Closed for Thanksgiving

