

# Gentle Learning PRESCHOOL

October Newsletter, 2018

It's hard to believe that we have been together almost an entire month already! October is a very busy month in preschool. Our teachers are already working on many fall and Halloween activities in their classrooms!

## No School

On October 5<sup>th</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup> there will be no school. Kids Day Out will NOT run those days either.

## Safety Drills

In an effort to keep everyone safe who attends our school, we practice drills during the month of October. We will practice a Tornado Drill, Fire Drill and Lock Down drill during regular class time to prepare all staff and students in case of emergency.

We will work hard to ensure all kiddos are calm during our drills. We'll explain to them that we are just practicing and that there is nothing to be afraid of. Drills can be scary for little ones. Teachers will include the date of each drill in their newsletter so you are able to talk about them at home before and after each drill happens.

## Monster Madness Needs Cookies!

Our annual Monster Madness event will be held on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 7pm. One of our most favorite Monster Madness stations is the Cookie Walk. If you would like to donate a plate of cookies for this event, they can be dropped off at the front desk with Lisa or Kimm on Thursday or Friday, October 18 & 19. We thank you for your delicious donation!

For those who have never been to Monster Madness, we hope that you will join us for Halloween themed carnival games, food, pony rides, pumpkins and a petting zoo.

## Library Art

Our students' art projects will be on display for the entire month of October at the Lisle Library in the children's section. Be sure to check out our masterpieces while you are there!

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## Progress Reports for the 4's and 5's

Last week, a simple progress report was sent home with our 4 & 5 year old students. It covers social skills, language development and some basic classroom skills. This is the first of 3 progress reports that will come home for your child. We will send a more detailed evaluation home at the beginning of December and the third will be sent in mid-April. We are always available for a chat if you need to discuss your child's progress or individual needs. Please don't hesitate to contact us. Our three year olds will have their progress reports sent home in November and mid-March.

## Halloween Celebrations

Halloween parties will take place on Tuesday October 30<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Children are encouraged to dress in costume, but do not have to. We will have a Halloween Parade in the morning. Parents are invited to come hear some Halloween songs in your child's classroom right after the parade. After singing, the children will get to trick or treat through our building.

**Halloween Parade:** Our Halloween parade will take place on Tuesday 10/30 and Wednesday 10/31 in Multipurpose Rooms 1 & 2.

Tuesday Parade: Mrs. Wickham's and Mrs. Staib's Tuesday/Thursday classes will parade on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup>. **Please arrive at your normal start time.** The parade will begin at 9:20.

Wednesday Parade: Mrs. Blumberg's, Mrs. Jehs', Mrs. Witt's, Mrs. Onorati's and Mrs. Staib's classes will parade on Halloween. **All classes will begin at 9:00.** The parade will begin at 9:05.

Parking will likely be tricky, please have a little extra patience these days. If our lot is full, you are welcome to park in the Community Center parking lot which is directly east of us.

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**Candy Donation:** We are asking each family to bring a bag of Halloween candy to be used when we trick or treat through the building. Please send it in by 10/24. This is such a fun activity for us as well as the seniors and office staff! Thanks for your generosity!