

October 2026

NEWSLETTER

Preschool

Classroom News



IMPORTANT DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 12th - center closed
Oct 14th - child care trick or treat
Oct 20th - Gettysburg parade
Oct 22nd - Picture day
Oct 29th - Vision Screening
Oct 26th /30th - Spirit week
Oct- 30th - classroom party



MONTH IN REVIEW:

- Important dates
- Classroom wish list
- What we are learning
- Parent involvement
- Upcoming Events



What we are learning

Apples, animals,
pumpkins, life cycles,
Halloween





Did you Know?

Halloween health and safety tips

- Always accompany young children Research shows that evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. are the riskiest times of day for child pedestrians.
- Talk with kids about the risk of distracted walking.
- Cross the street as a group. Make sure kids know not to cross the street between parked cars or out of driveways or alleys.
- Caution kids never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Review with your child how to call 9-1-1 (or their local emergency number)
- Wait until children are home to sort and check treats before eating them. Though tampering is rare, it can happen.
- Wear bright colors and have some kind of light so you can be seen in the dark.

Fun facts about Halloween

Fact #1: Halloween as a holiday originated with the Irish.

The Irish Celts celebrated a festival called Samhain (summer's end) in honor of the end of the harvest. This holiday morphed into All Saint's Day, or All Hallows' Day, now celebrated on November 1st.

Fact #2: Trick-or-treating began as a Thanksgiving tradition.

Thanksgiving in the 1800s. In this old tradition, kids donned rags and knocked on neighbors' doors, asking for candy, coins, and fruit. However, many thought this custom too mischievous an activity for Thanksgiving. By the 1940s, it had become a Halloween tradition.

Fact #3: The first jack-o'-lanterns were potatoes and turnips.



Upcoming Events

Community events

- 10/3,4 10,11 apple harvest festival 8 am
- 10/20- Gettysburg parade 7-9 pm
- 10/29- Hanover parade 7:00 pm
- 10/24 - New Oxford Harvest day 10 am
- 10/23,24 Codorus trick or treat- 6:30-9pm



Wish list

- Apples
- Little Pumpkins/gourds
- Pumpkin flavored foods
 - pie, cakes, cookies
 - bread
- pumpkin seeds



Parent involvement

Here is a list of some fun activities you can do with your family this fall.

- pumpkin patch
- decorating the yard
- make a spooky snack
- enjoy some pumpkin flavored foods
- watch a Halloween movie
- pumpkin carving
- go for a hay ride or a corn maze
- drive around looking at all the decorations
- dance to Halloween tunes

