

## October Newsletter 2017

Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness; Verse: "Be kind to each other." I Thessalonians 5:12; Orange Day: Fir Point Farms; Farm Party

Important dates for this month: October 11/12, Usborne Book Fair; October 12/13, Orange Day; October 17 to 31, Payment #3 tuition due; October 19, no threes class; October 20, Fir Point Farms

Thank you for a great new year start! There have been a few tears, here and there, but we are chugging along beautifully now. Thank you for heeding the words of your teachers in scooting out quickly for those children that have struggled. Your brave heart has yielded happy children! Also, the spirit of volunteerism is inspiring this year! We have such wonderful families!

**The parking lot is having repairs done on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.** We don't know the impact it will have for us during drop off and pick up at this time. If we are restricted from using the parking lot, please plan on using the gravel turn around at the far end of the school. We will have children enter through the gate. Because space is limited at this area, it would be safer to drop off/pick up, rather than walk children into the building. We apologize for any inconvenience! Thanks for your flexibility! We would have warned you sooner had we known about it ourselves!

Book orders are due Friday, October 6th. Please use the online code of HRYGZ. We are working to get the orders back in time for holidays, which is the reason for the early due date. Thanks for ordering! It really helps us!

On Friday, October 6th, flyers are coming home regarding our Usborne Book Fair next week. Please read the flyer carefully as there are two ways of purchasing books (come in and shop or order through the car). Each classroom has a small wish list of books we'd like to add to our library, should you be interested in that.

**Thursday and Friday this week we will have sample sizes for our new t-shirt vendor** (the last one's sizing was off). If you ordered a shirt and haven't received it, please come in and verify the size. We will get the order in as quickly as possible. Thank you for your patience and thank you to Tasha for doing all the legwork to find a new shirt printer!

Michael's and Joanne's both have reasonably priced t-shirts, if your child doesn't have an orange shirt for Orange Day!

Our Fir Point Farm tour starts promptly at 9:00 am. The tour lasts one hour, then we meet in the greenhouse area for our donuts and cider. We will caravan from the school, leaving at 8:30 am, or you can meet us at the farm at **8:50** (14601 Arndt Road, Aurora 97002). We have to divide into three groups and need time to get situated. We will do our best to put siblings together. Everyone that paid the \$7.50 needs to take a pumpkin home chosen from the hay ride. The farm has a charming country deli and store you can check out after the tour. We go, rain or shine, so here is a good time to wear those popular rubber boots!

Speaking of boots, there are still a few children wearing stiff boots to class. It is difficult for them to sit comfortably on the floor with those, so please send children in shoes. Sandals are also difficult out at recess. Thanks for your help with this!

Our Farm Party is October 26/27 during class. Please have your child dress as “something you would find at a farm.” We have had some adorable costumes over the years and are excited to see this year’s ideas. Pinterest has some easy ideas if you don’t know what to do. Have your child decorate the pumpkin they chose from the farm and bring it in for the party. It does not have to be carved! Many children have used markers and stickers to create their masterpiece! Families are invited to come to the last 45 minutes of class (10:45, 2:30). If you plan on bringing siblings, let your head teacher know so we can set up a snack plate for them, as well.

We have class on Halloween this year. The students have made adorable spider hats, which we plan on using as their “costumes” so please don’t have your child dress up for the day. Thanks!

On Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, we are inviting parents and grandparents (aunts, uncles, etc) that are currently in or have served in any of the armed forces to our classes at 11:00 am and 2:45 pm for our group times. We would love it if you could come in a uniform-type outfit and share briefly what your job was/is in the service. Our Wednesday/Friday Sunshine threes class won’t be able to see you, so if anyone could come on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 am for a few minutes, we would greatly appreciate that. This day was precious last year and we hope to continue this day as a tradition for our school.

### **October Newsletter Addition, 2016**

Book orders are due Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Please use the online code of HRYGZ and look for Teacher Chery Lewelling for our teacher. Thanks for ordering!

We would like to start a new tradition at our school to honor our military and introduce our students to these special people. On Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, we are inviting parents and grandparents that are currently in or have served in any of the armed forces to our classes at 11:00 am for our group time. We would love it if you could come in a uniform-type outfit and share briefly what your job was/is in the service. After dismissal, we would like you to join us for a special lunch and if you could stay for our afternoon class, that would be awesome (12:15 to around 12:45 or so). Our Tuesday/Thursday Sunshine threes class won’t be able to see you, so if anyone could come on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 am for a few minutes, we would greatly appreciate that.

Our goal is for the children to be introduced to the military in a non-threatening way. A parent or grandparent is a perfect way for that! If you are able to do this, please let Teacher Chrystal know (make her write it down!) so we know how many for which to plan. If you fit in this category and are unable to come either day, please let Teacher Chrystal know as well because we’d like the children to honor you as well. You are all very important to us and we want to express our appreciation.