

## October Newsletter 2018

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

Sorry this is so long. We try to keep in a page or less, but there was a lot to cover!

Important dates for this month: October 4, no threes class; October 5, Fir Point Farms; October 11/12, Orange Day; October 16 to 31, Payment #3 tuition due; October 25/26, Farm Party

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! We have such wonderful families!

Book orders are due Friday, October 12th. 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!

Michael's and Joanne's both have reasonably priced t-shirts, if your child doesn't have an orange shirt for Orange Day (or any of the other color days!)

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** (this includes parents!) 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!

Remember to have car seats placed on the passenger side if you choose to go through the drive through lane for pick up. We do not take the children out on the driveway to load on the driver's side. Thank you!

We are looking for parents that are fire fighters and dentist/orthodontists, to help us with some special days for the students. We would like a presentation of some sort during our group times, if possible – it doesn't have to be complicated! Fire safety month is October and dental health month is in February. If you are such a person and would like to help us out, please contact Teacher Chrystal. Thanks so much!

A note about bringing treats and such for parties at school: we don't have a requirement for only store bought items, however, we do need to keep things nut/peanut-free. We do have some dairy sensitive kiddos, so if there is dairy in a recipe, please let us know.

We have need of “accident” clothes for children that have a bathroom mishap at school. We are in high need of underwear, sweat pants and shorts for girls and boys sized 5 and 6. We are good for size 4, though. If your child uses the “school” clothes, please launder them and return them to class. Thanks very much!

Our Farm Party is October 25/26 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 can’t think of anything. 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. If you have Halloween shirts, that would be fun, however, please don’t feel you need to purchase something. We will have just had our Farm Party, with wonderful costumes, so please **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD IN A COSTUME** this day. It is an exciting day for many of the children with the anticipation of the trick or treat time, so the costumes can be very distracting. Thank you for your help with this.

On Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, we would like to have a veteran or someone that is currently serving in any of the armed forces to share with our classes at 11:00 am and 12:30 pm for our group times. We are hoping for a parent, grandparent, or relative of our students. We would love it if you could come in a uniform-type outfit and share briefly what your job was/is in the service. We have had three grandpas and one mom share in the past and it was truly wonderful. Our Tuesday/Thursday Sunshine threes class won’t be able to participate, so if someone could come on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 am for a few minutes, we would greatly appreciate that as well. This day has been precious the last couple of years and we hope to continue this day as a tradition for our school. We hope the students learn about the amazing service of our military families and appreciate their sacrifice. Please contact Teacher Chrystal if you know of someone that could come share their story!

Thank you for your patience with our slow start to Brightwheel. Thank you, also, to those that have signed in and are trying to figure out the billing aspect. The invoices you have and will receive over the next few weeks through BW may include the following: registration, miscellaneous fees (field trips, etc.), and tuition. If the amount you are seeing is MORE than just the tuition you’ve paid, that is why! Our treasurer will continue to send me updates of payments she has processed, so you will receive new invoices as that information is entered. Once everyone has signed up AND is USING the Brightwheel system, you will receive an auto-generated invoice with every payment. Please be sure to sign up for online payments by October 15<sup>th</sup>. This will ensure this system will operate smoothly. Please note: if you have paid ahead, you will NOT receive an invoice until your next payment is due. You still can write checks and use the envelopes, but the accounting for those will take longer to post to your account. Don’t hesitate to email me with questions ([schooldirector@firstcircleoffriends.com](mailto:schooldirector@firstcircleoffriends.com)) and I will do my best to figure it out. We teachers are starting to remember to take pictures throughout the day to post to the site. Hopefully, you are enjoying those! It is a process, but we will get there!

Finally, thank you for all the love, support, and prayers you have been extending to me for my surgery on Tuesday. I have such a peace and feel fully confident that everything will go well, and I know it is due to the amount of prayer that is covering me! You are all a huge blessing to me!

Love and hugs! Teacher Chrystal for the staff