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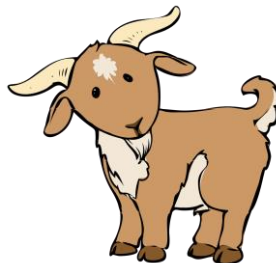
Dear Parents,

Autumn is officially here! The beautiful month of October has arrived. Our CAPS children are busy observing the changing of the season. We will look at the beautiful trees and the changing colors of the leaves. Fall is such a magnificent time of year. We are lucky to share the beauty of the season with your children. Get ready for some amazing projects with gorgeous fall colors!

A big welcome to our new aide, Miss Lili! Miss Lili is a 2022 graduate of Westfield High School. She is studying Early Childhood Development at NOVA. Fun facts about Miss Lili ... She loves the color green and she has a cat named Lucy! We are so excited to have her on board!



### Our "In-House" Field Trip:



Huge excitement is coming our way on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>! A petting farm is coming to visit our school called "***Squeals on Wheels!***" The theme will be "Old McDonald Had a Farm" and some of our visitors will include a pig, bunny, duck, chicken, and goat! Each class will be taken outside for a half hour to interact with the animals.

If your child does not typically attend school on Thursdays, he or she is welcome and encouraged to come to school from 9-12 on this day. Miss Annie will be in! Please let me know if your child will attend.

One parent per child is welcome to attend during your child's time slot. Due to limited space, we are not able to accommodate siblings or other family members/friends. Here are the times each class will have their presentation. Please arrive during your child's time.

10:00 - 10:30 Miss Jen's Class

10:30 - 11:00 Miss Annie and Miss Mary's Classes

11:00 - 11:30 Miss Suzanne's Class

If you do not want your child to participate, please let me know and we will plan a different special activity for your child.

## What Are Crazy-Wacky Days?

Sometimes you will notice on your child's calendar that we are having a "Crazy-Wacky" day at school. On these special days, the children rotate to each classroom for fun activities that center around a theme. This is a great way for the children to get to know other teachers and, of course, play with "new" toys! Our first "Crazy-Wacky" school days this year will be on **October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**. The theme will be **"Fall Festival: Fun with Pumpkins."** Children are welcome to wear PAJAMAS or CRAZY-WACKY themed clothing on these special days. Miss Laura loves wearing her jammies to school! 😊



## Outside Halloween Parades:

**When:** October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:40 a.m. (rain dates 11/2 and 11/3)

**What:** Let's celebrate Halloween! Send your child to school with a costume in his or her backpack.

**Families, please come watch!** Arrive back at the school before our start time of 11:40 a.m. Park in a designated space. Your job is to stand by your car and cheer on the kids as they parade on by! Our Halloween parades are always the cutest!

### **Important Costume Guidelines:**

- Nothing scary please! No swords, guns, or other weapons.
- Keep costumes simple. Costumes will be put on over your child's clothes. We prefer costumes that children can independently put on and take off themselves. Of course, we will assist as needed.
- For our parade, children will need to wear comfortable shoes they can walk well in. This means, for our Disney princesses, no heels please. 😊

**Special Treat!** On our parade days, we will provide the children with "School Safe" nut-free, dairy-free cupcakes. They do contain eggs, soy, and wheat. Please let me know if you do not want your child to have a cupcake. You are welcome to send in a special treat with your child instead.

If your child attends school on both October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>, he or she is welcome to participate in our parade both days. (Parents, do not feel obligated to attend both parades, but of course you are more than welcome!)



## Reminders:

**Shoes and Pants:** As the weather gets cooler, continue to send your child in "easy shoes" ... easy on, easy off. Please have your child practice putting on and taking off his or her shoes independently. Also, please avoid sending your child to school in snug pants/jeans. These make potty time more challenging.

**Our Enrichment Program:** There are some spaces available in our Enrichment program - Session 1. If you sign up, the cost will be prorated. If you are interested, send me an email at [chantillyacademyps@gmail.com](mailto:chantillyacademyps@gmail.com). Please let me know if you need a copy of our Enrichment schedule.

## Important Dates:

**October 10<sup>th</sup>:** No school - Indigenous People's Day

**October 13<sup>th</sup>:** Squeals On Wheels

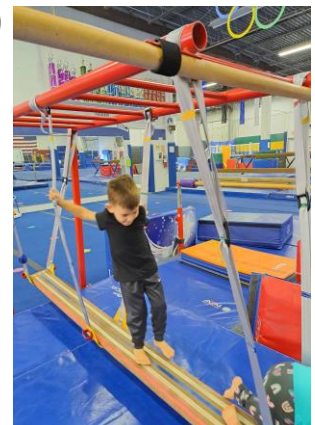
**October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>:** CRAZY-WACKY!

**October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>:** Halloween Parades

**November 7<sup>th</sup>:** Individual Picture Day (If your child does not attend school on Mondays and you would like his or her picture taken, you will be given a time to stop by. Class pictures will be taken in the Spring.)

**November 8<sup>th</sup>:** No school --Teacher workday

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>:** No school - Thanksgiving



## A Look into our CAPS Classrooms!

Our classrooms are filled with so many enriching activities daily. Picking out a special activity from each class is hard to do as there are a huge amount to choose from. Here are just small glimpses from each room in the month of September:

**Miss Suzanne's class** played "Pass the Paint." This game is a great way to learn about sharing, waiting for your turn, and learning "rights" from "lefts." Each child gets a color to paint with while music is playing. When the music stops, each child passes the paint to the child on the right. By the end, every child has created a special masterpiece!

**Miss Mary's class** did tons of cutting practice. Then they moved on to their apple unit. First, they tasted different apples. Most of the children liked red apples the best. Then they did a "sink or float" science experiment. They even painted with apples!

**Miss Jen's class** explored apples and discovered that when cut open sideways, a star is found in the middle. After making this discovery, the children used their apple halves and stamped apple star prints. They also enjoyed tasting red, green, and yellow apples. When Miss Jen asked about their favorite, they happily said "All of them!"

**Miss Annie's class** explored the way germs spread. They practiced coughing into their arms and even used a spray bottle to demonstrate how far germs travel. They also started the "question of the day." Their favorite question so far was "Do you like frogs?" We learned that most of Miss Annie's friends, do indeed, like frogs!

Wishing you a wonderful October. What a beautiful time of year and we look forward to sharing it with your children. As always, feel free to contact me at any time!

Warmly,  
Miss Laura

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