



Dear Families,

This week is our field trip to Didier Farms! Please meet us at the farm on Thursday, October 10th at 9AM! Our wrist band deal runs from 9:00AM-12:00PM. The kids' wristband will let them access all of Didier Farms Pumpkinfest! You are free to explore the farm with your child as you wish. We will meet to go on the hayride altogether! We will also meet to watch the pig races altogether! You choose whether or not you'd like to join our group for either of these activities. If you will be joining us for the hayride and pig races, please be on time!



October Parent-Teacher Conferences

When: Wednesday, October 23rd

There is no preschool on Wednesday, October 23th due to these conferences!

Our fall parent-teacher conferences are a good way to get to know how your preschooler is doing during his or her school day. You will not receive a progress report at this conference.

Please sign up for your conference online via SignUp Genius! All conferences will last 15 minutes and can be in person or by phone.

Class Halloween Party!

Our first class party will be Thursday, October 31st! The kids are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to school. Our room parents will plan some party centers available for the kids during center time and go "trick-or-treating" through the middle school to show off our costumes. Our room parents will help run the party, everyone else is invited to the classroom during arrival to take pictures!

Agenda: Field Trip to Didier Farms!

9:00: Arrival/Receive wristbands and adult tickets. All adults will need to take their tickets to the hayride stand and trade them for a hand stamp. Without a hand stamp, you will not be able to access some areas of the farm!

9:30: Meet at the hayride! Depending on how crowded it is that day, we may need to wait our turn, but we would like to try to ride the hayride as a class. Once the hayride is over, please feel free to explore the farm!

11:00: Meet at the pig races! This will be our last activity of our field trip.

If you and your preschooler are not able to attend our field trip, there is no preschool at Marie Murphy on Thursday, October 10th. In case of rain, please watch for a text from our Remind system! We will cancel our field trip and reschedule if weather isn't cooperating.



CENTERS AND REMINDERS

Center	Activities	Why are these activities so important?
Blocks	Farm play set and animals Wooden blocks Large brick blocks	Creative play; turn taking; strengthening fine and gross motor skills; task persistence and problem solving
Table Toys and Games	Farm File Folder Games (math and literacy) Farm animal sorting Magnatiles	Visual discrimination; measurement and size; turn taking with a peer; hand-eye coordination
Dramatic Play	Haunted House -dress up smocks -pretend trick-or-treat candy -kitchen furniture	Developing language and social skills; socialization and building friendships; imaginative and pretend play; sharing materials and turn taking
Writing	Scissors and cutting guides Number tracing	Fine motor skills; early literacy; language development
Library	Farm and Halloween library books Class-made books	Book-handling skills; social interactions; imaginative and pretend play; early literacy
Sensory	Rainbow chickpeas, small shovels and containers	Sensory; fine motor development; volume and measurement; science concepts-sink/float, solid/liquid, hard/soft; sharing materials with peers
Snack	Self-serve during center time	Self-help; language development and social skills
Art	Candy corn craft: Practicing following directions, colors, shapes. Easel: paint	Expressing creativity; developing fine motor skills; Applying new knowledge
Science	Light table with translucent objects, blocks and shapes	Exploring cause and effect; making observations; turn taking with peers

Upcoming Dates:

10/9: NO SCHOOL- Yom Kippur
 10/10: Didier Farms field trip
 10/23: NO SCHOOL- Conferences
 10/24: NO SCHOOL- Screenings
 10/25: NO SCHOOL- Teacher's Institute
 10/31: AM and PM Halloween parties

October Birthdays!

10/1: James (AM class)
 Alexander (AM class)
 10/20: Megh (PM class)

