



First Step Newsletter

SPECIAL NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Special thanks to parents for keeping your child home when sick. I know all the other families appreciate everyone's efforts for minimizing the spread of sickness. Our staff will also stay home if we feel any slight symptoms of a cold, etc. We have substitutes that are willing to come and help us. Also, please keep your child home from school for at least 24 hours after his/her fever — without taking fever-reducing medicine.

We teach the children here at school to cover their mouth and nose with the bend of their elbow, and to wash their hands after nose blowing or if they use their hand to cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze.

If you would like more

information on how to prevent seasonal and Novel H1N1 Flu, you can go to: www.cdc.gov or www.flu.gov or call 1-800-CDC-INFO. When dealing with all seasonal viruses, please seek out reliable sources for accurate information.

We are having Life Touch class and individual pictures on **Oct. 8 & 9**.

Cookie dough and butter braid sales started Monday, **Sept. 28**, and will end on **Monday, Oct. 12**. We placed a catalog and order form in your child's cubby. We are asking for your support in this fundraiser. It can assist in your baking needs during the up-coming holidays, and you'll be supporting the preschool at the same time. Please come and pick up your orders on **Monday, Oct. 19 @ 11:00 am**. Our freezer is not big

enough to store all the cookie dough and butter braids. Thank you for supporting us with this fundraiser.

We are having a Fall Break on **Oct. 15 & 16**, and school will be closed.

This month the children will have their Harvest Party. The room mom will contact you on how you can help. Please talk to the room parent about when you can help. If not during this month's party, it can be next time :).

A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account balance was, what kind of clothes I wore, or the house I lived in, but the world may be very different because I was important in the life of a child...

God bless you all, Geanina

First Step Preschool

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Reminders:

- ☺ Life Touch school pictures on **Oct. 8th & 9th**
- ☺ Cookie Dough/Butter Braid Fundraiser orders due date is **October 12th**
- ☺ Cookie Dough/Butter Braid ready to be picked up for all students **Monday Oct. 19th at 11:00am**
- ☺ School is closed **Thursday Oct. 15th & Friday Oct. 16th**
- **Harvest Party on October 29th & the 30th. Children can bring a costume to wear**

FRIDAY FUN!!!!

- Sign-up begins each Monday morning by phone or signing up
- Sign-up by close of school on Thursday.

THEMES, LETTERS, AND BIBLE VERSES

1. Week of October 5: Farm, letter "A"
 2. Week of October 12: Fall, letter "L"
 3. Week of October 19 : Weather, letter "L"
 4. Week of October 26: Pumpkins, letter "P"
- October 5 through 14: Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
 - October 19 through 30: Ecclesiastes 3:1 "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven."



Little Monkeys 2
All Stars 2

NEWS FROM THE LITTLE MONKEYS CLASS

Happy Fall! We hope you have all settled into your school routine as we have here! Thank you for putting snacks and lunch bags in the right places, which has helped! Also for washing your children's hands when you drop them off. The sign up sheets are looking better too! Thank you for your efforts.



Fall is here and the weather can be crazy! Please remember to have a jacket, hat and gloves in your child's backpack. We do go outside for recess daily!

Please help your child find something at home to bring for Show and Tell, which starts with the letter of the week on Thursday and Friday.

We are so proud of all of you with helping your child do

homework. The children get so excited when we give them a stamp for their efforts.

We are very excited and thrilled to see the children so eager to learn.

There will be no school on Oct. 15th and 16th for our Fall break.

We are having our Harvest Party on Thursday, Oct. 29th and Friday, Oct. 30th. Please have your child bring a costume to school to change into (no scary costumes please). Please help us by signing up to bring a food item for the party.

Thank you for your kindness,
Ms. Tammy and Ms. Geanina

NEWS FROM THE ALL-STARS CLASS

Happy Fall Everyone! It may be fall, but with all the snow lately, it feels a little more like winter! The crazy weather is a good reminder that the weather around here is unpredictable, so please make sure you send a hat, gloves, and snow boots with your child every day. Our playground is well shaded by the trees, which keeps the snow around later than other places!

Thank you so much for bringing in your children to test! We are amazed at how much your children know already! We will use this information as a guideline to help prepare your child for Kindergarten. As part of the preparations, are going to start off with a worksheet or two in the mornings. We would

like to start promptly at 8:45am, so bringing your child on time will be very helpful.



Don't forget to check out our Butter Braid fundraiser! Butter Braids make an easy and yummy weekend treat, not to mention you're helping your school too! There will be no school on Oct. 15th and 16th for our Fall break.

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Blessings,
Ms. Kara and Ms. Barbie

