



The Friendship Company

October 2016



Dear Parents,

Happy Fall! The Friendship Company kids (and staff) have been enjoying the beautiful autumn weather. This month we will be exploring our environment to learn more about changes that occur in the fall. As the leaves begin to turn colors, we would like everyone to bring in items from nature that remind us of fall. Some suggestions would be colorful leaves, pinecones, gourds, etc. We are going to use these items to practice sorting, patterning and categorizing. We are also going to put them in our sensory tables so we can explore them more closely. Please do not send in anything that you want back!

Pumpkin Picking Time!



On Friday, Oct. 14, the **Curious Monkeys** and **Leap Frogs** will be heading to Eckert's in Millstadt to pick a pumpkin. Children in these two classes who do not attend on Fridays can still join us as long as they are accompanied by an adult. The fee for this field trip is **\$12.00 per student** which covers the cost of a small pumpkin and helps pay for school bus rental. The bus will pull out of the parking lot at **9:00 a.m. SHARP** and return at noon. Please fill out the attached permission form and return it to your child's teacher **along with \$12.00 per child** by Tuesday, October 11th.

Fall Parties



Our Fall Parties will be on Monday, Oct. 31. The parties will be held in each

classroom from 9:00-10:00 a.m. If you are willing to help with your child's class party, please sign up on the sheet that is attached to the front of the sign-in/sign out clip board in your child's classroom.

Children can wear their costumes to school on party day. However, they will need to have regular play clothes to change into after the party is over. **Witches, devils, ghosts, mummies, or any type of scary or occult-related costumes are not allowed.** Non-scary masks may be worn for the costume parade only.

Friends and family members are encouraged to come and enjoy their child's fall party. If you sign up to help with a party, please come early enough to get things set up in time for the party to start at 9:00 a.m.

Fire Truck Visit!



This month we will be teaching the children about fire safety. *Fire Prevention Week* is October 9-15. At 10:30 a.m. on October 19, some friends from the O'Fallon Fire Department will bring a real fire truck to school. They will also conduct a special fire drill to determine how long it takes us to leave the building and gather at our assigned meeting place. Be sure to take some time to create a plan for your family so everyone will know what to do in the event of a fire at your home!



Who Do I Belong To?

On nice days we will be going outside to play. As the weather turns cooler, you will need to send a jacket to school with your child. I would also suggest your child wearing socks and shoes to cover their feet. **PLEASE** put your child's name on **all** of their belongings! You would be surprised how many *Frozen* backpacks and *Spider Man* jackets are brought to school every day. If your child's name is clearly written on all of their belongings, it is much easier to find and return lost items.

Trunk N' Treat



Central Christian Church is having a Trunk N' Treat / Fall Festival from 4:00-6:00 pm on Saturday, October 29th. This is a safe way for your children to go trick or treating. There will be marshmallows to roast, games to play, and candy. Be sure to mark your calendars for some fun times.



Say Cheese!

School pictures will be Wednesday, **November 16** beginning at 8:00 am. If your child does not

normally attend on Wednesdays, please plan ahead by making arrangements for someone to bring them to school by 9:00 a.m. to get their picture taken. Even if you do not plan on buying anything, your child still needs to get their picture taken for the class photo. Within one week from picture day, a proof strip of your child containing up to 4 different poses will be delivered to you at school. At that time, you may

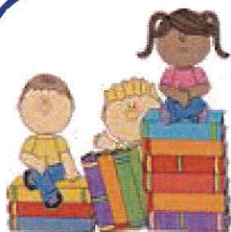
submit orders via the internet or use the order form enclosed with your proof strip. You may keep the proof strip and order pictures via the internet for up to 1 year. However, if you order after the turn-in date, there will be a shipping and handling charge.



IPM Plan

We have contracted

with **Commercial Pest Control** to manage any unwanted pests. They will inspect and treat as needed on a Friday evening after the center has closed for the week. This month our inspection will be Friday, October 7th. For a complete summary of our Integrated Pest Management Plan, please see page 17 in the Parent Handbook.



Scholastic Book Orders

Order forms will be put in your child's cubbie this month. Orders are due by Monday, October 17th.

You can put the order form and a **check (no cash) made out to The Friendship Company** for the exact amount in an envelope and place it in the manila envelope on Miss Meagan's window by October 17th. OR you can order online at www.scholastic.com/bookclubs.

If this is your first time to order online, go to the parent page, click the *First Time Parents?* link, then register for your own username and password. When prompted, enter the Class Activation Code (2KVQ2) which ensures that your order will go to The Friendship Company.



Dates to Remember!

Friday, October 7

6:00pm IPM Inspection

Friday, October 14

9:00am-12:00pm Monkeys and Frogs Field Trip to Millstadt Eckert's

Monday, October 17

Scholastic Book orders are due

Wednesday, October 19

10:30 am Fire Dept. Visit

Saturday, October 29

4:00-6:00 pm Trunk N' Treat

Monday, October 31

9:00 am Fall Parties

Wednesday, November 16

8:00-11:00a.m. School Picture Day