

Little Red Schoolhouse Newsletter- October 2018



Happy Fall! It's been an awesome start to the school year, and the kids are really getting into the groove, learning routines, and making friends. It's been a very positive start!

Some upcoming events and important information

to note:



We are closed Monday October 8th. Enjoy!

- If your child is sick, please keep them home, and please don't bring them back until they are well. 😊 You will receive up to 3 weeks of make-up days (per your child's schedule) for sick days if you call before 8:30am for the school year to use when your child is well. They'll be much happier too! Thank you. As far as vacation, please tell me by the 20th of the month prior to get credit for up to 2 weeks for the school year. Last minute plans will not be refunded or credited. Thanks!
- We will be having a flu shot clinic at Little Red on **Thursday October 18th from 7:30-9:00 am**. Usually parents can get shots then too! The cost of the flu shot is \$10, and there's no need to sign up. Just show up, fill out a consent form, and wait for your turn. Thanks!
- Parent/teacher conferences will be held on **October 22-26th**. I look forward to meeting with you about your child! Please sign up for a time that works for you on the red sign in table. I would really like to talk to all parents, so if there's not a time that works for you we can try to schedule something else
- If you would like to order really cute name label stickers for your child's belongings so that we can keep better track, check out namebubbles.com for some very durable and cute labels for just about everything!
- Please make sure you are remembering to help your child find a sharing item that relates to the theme each week. The schedule with the weekly

themes is hanging on the parent board above the red sign in table. They really love to do sharing!

- Please bring wipes when you bring diapers for your child. Thanks!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!!

*Please join us for back to school night next Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm (note time change!!!) at Little Red. We will be having another back to school night for Teeny, Date TBD. This is a great way to learn about our curriculum and schedule, and ask any questions you may have. This is a parent only event, so please let me know if you need a sitter for that hour, and if you will be coming. There will be an Usborne Book Fair table set up, Pyramid make and take items, and more! Should be great!

Join us for a Free Engagement workshop at Teeny!! This workshop will take place from 5-6pm at Teeny on Tuesday October 2nd, and is for infants and their parents. It will focus on engagement with your infant, communication, and other important infant topics and will be given by a counselor from the Center for Mental Health. Please let me know if you are attending if you haven't already. Thanks!!

Please join our CLOSED Facebook group if you haven't already! This group is for teachers to upload photos and videos of your children having fun at school, and is only open to parents who are added by one of us. Copy and paste this link to ask to join, and enjoy getting a glimpse of your child's fun days at school. ☺ It's called Teeny and Little Red Learning and Fun.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1442142832479054/>

You are invited to a Little Red Halloween Party!



When: Tuesday, October 30th, 5-6ish pm

Where: Sunset Hall and CB South park (weather permitting)

What: Halloween costume party and potluck

Please pick up your child a bit before 5 so that you can dress them in their costume and get them to the party. We will not be walking kiddos to the party this year for late parents, so please make arrangements with another parent if needed. 😊 Please bring a potluck appetizer or dessert to share!



Curriculum Information:

- If your child is a Sprout or a Bud, they have a sharing day! These sharing days were emailed to you last month, and they are also on the parent board above the red sign in table. Instead of bringing toys from home, we are asking them to find something related to the theme of the week. I will be putting the themes in each newsletter for planning purposes, and they are also on the snack calendar and on the sharing schedule each week. Keep in mind that sharing is not related to the letter of the week, just the theme. So- if this week was fall, some ideas would be- a bag of leaves that you found on a walk, a fall craft, or a book from the library related to fall. It's a great opportunity for you to work together with your child for 10-15 minutes a week to find something that will enrich their learning at school, and it should be lots of fun! Please let me know if you have any questions.
- If your child is a Bud (PreK), they do not have a letter of the week. This is only for the Seeds and Sprouts (I thought I should tell you that so that they don't get mixed up). The Buds are doing a program called "Telian", or "Lively Letters", which focuses on pairs of sounds that are noisy or quiet but use the same formation of lips, tongue and teeth. The kids put their hand on

their voice box to feel if their voice is on or off when they say that particular sound. Each letter is a character so it makes it much more fun! If you are interested in learning more, you can go to www.readingwithtltc.com. So far this year, they have learned... p & b (lip poppers), and d & t (tongue tappers).

- Handwriting without Tears is our handwriting program for PreK as well. So far, they are learning with "Mat Man" the shapes of letters (curvy, straight) in a fun way before we start writing them. They are also learning how to properly grip the writing instrument. For more info on this program, go to www.hwtears.com. It's an awesome program!
- Sprouts are really focusing on our letter of the week (So far we've done A-D). If they bring home the alphabet bucket, please help them find things around the house that start with that particular letter to fill the bucket. They can bring it back on their next day of school to share with the group. They love it!

Themes for October: (Farm Month)

- (1-5) - Farm Animals
- (8-12) - Farm Equipment
- (15-19) - Harvesting
- (22-26) - More Harvesting
- (29-2) - Halloween!



Social Corner:

We have been spending a lot of time on our Expectations lately (Inside voices, walking feet, gentle touches, We take turns, and We clean up), and helping the children solve their own problems. At any age, the goal is to have the kids use their words instead of their hands, and often we have to give them the words to use. Hopefully, they will start to replace those physical behaviors with the words after a lot of repetition. Remember, social skills have to be taught!

These are the solutions in our solution kit:

Share Get a Teacher Ignore Get a Timer Say "Please" Trade

Wait and Take Turns Play Together Say "Please Stop" Ask Nicely

We also talk constantly about "filling buckets", which is a great way to talk about how our actions affect others in a negative and positive way (filling or emptying other people's buckets). I have been instituting this amongst our staff and need your help! Everyone needs a full bucket!

At each school there is a "compliment box" in which you can put any nice words that you would like your child's teacher to know throughout the month. I hear lots of positives and pass those things on to the teachers, but it means SO much more to hear it directly. Please write down positive things that you notice, funny things your child comes home saying or doing relating to a teacher, or any thank yous that you would like to pass on to any teacher. I will be reading those at our monthly staff meetings in hopes of filling all of these teacher's buckets!! Thanks for participating!

Thanks for all you do!



