

Two's News October 2016

Time for Two is off to a great start! Thank you for your patience, especially during Circle Time. This is a difficult transition for many young children but they are doing great.

Reminder: there is a blue basket on my desk for any objects that end up in a child's mouth. Just place them there and they will be washed after class. Thank you!

October is a very busy month. Get ready to mark your calendars! We will have Fire Safety Days on Fri, Oct. 7th and Tues, Oct. 11th. The Canfield Fire Dept. will come to our school on those days. *If you are in the Thursday class, you may come on either of those days if you would like.* We will still have our regular class on Thurs the 13th. The Fire Dept. will do an age appropriate presentation for the kids and will also bring a truck for the children to see. I recommend letting this be a surprise for the kids because sometimes the firefighters are called out and have to reschedule. Come at 9:00 as usual. We will have a craft and snack planned for those days but will not have time for Circle Time. There will be a sub in our room on Oct. 11th. She will lead you through the morning. I know you will enjoy this special experience with your child. They all love the fire truck!

Our Halloween parties will be on Oct. 25th, 27th and 28th. I will have a sign up sheet out soon. The kids may dress up on their party day if you'd like. We will have our party in our room but will not participate in the parades. If you have a sibling in a parade you may take your child to watch the parade or have another adult stay with them in our room.

Picture Days will be on Thurs, Nov 3rd and Fri, Nov 4th. Those in our Tuesday class may come either day. We will not take a class picture on these days, but are offering individual pictures for those who want them.



Time for Two Fine Motor Skills

It's always exciting when our kids reach milestones. Learning to write their names is a milestone we all look forward to. In order for our children to be able to write numbers, letters and words they need to first have enough hand strength and hand-eye coordination to control their pencils. There are many activities you can do at home to foster fine motor skills.

You can find tons of fun ideas online. I've listed some ideas for you.

Play-doh or clay
Finger paint
Lacing or weaving
Squeezing glue bottles or using glue sticks
Pipe cleaner sculptures
Coloring w/ chalk, crayons or markers
Turning pages or engaging with lift-a-flap books
Stirring cookie or cake batter
Using tweezers, paint brushes, toy screwdrivers
Putting pompoms or cereal in/out of ice cube trays
Legos, Lincoln Logs, Tinker Toys
Puzzles
Blocks
Screwing lids on and off
Throwing, catching and rolling
Sensory bins
Scooping, dumping, shoveling, stacking
Zipping, snapping, buttoning
Brushing hair and teeth
Using a spray bottle to water plants or "clean"
Squeezing, pinching, grasping, twisting
There are countless more online.....make it fun!

Thank you for sharing your children with me!

Mrs. Klepec