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Week FIVE Themes: October 17-21, 2016

- COLOR: ORANGE - please have your child wear as much ORANGE as possible.
- LETTER: "T" as in TRIANGLE, TOE, TEN. This is for Pre-K.
 - We use only the capital letters at Play School as a part of the Handwriting without tears program.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Pumpkins, Fall, Farm. Please send in pumpkins for Miss Filey to carve.
- On Friday, Mrs. Zweers will be making pumpkin chocolate chip scones

Week SIX Themes: October 26-28, 2016 ***** NO SCHOOL *** 24 & 25, Monday and Tuesday**

- COLOR: ORANGE - please have your child wear as much ORANGE as possible.
- LETTER: "H", as in HAND, HORSE
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Farm and farm animals, pumpkins, pumpkin seeds
- No cooking this week as it is only Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

Week SEVEN Themes: October 31-November 4, 2016

- COLOR: BROWN!!! Wear a lot!!!
- LETTER: "I", as in INCH, IN. This is for Pre-K.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Farm, Fall
- On Friday: Monica will cook blue berry Swedish pancakes. Yummmm!
- Please start sending in pumpkins for next week, thanks.

Book Orders Due: Wednesday, Oct. 19 is the last day to order. Next month, the book order will be due by Friday, Nov. 11. Order for Christmas on November. The Dec. order will be due by the 2nd, so we can get the books back in time for Christmas. Happy ordering. We get points to use on products when you order. We are excited about a listening station that is available by Scholastic!!!

Tuition Due: Always due by the 10th of each month to avoid a late fee. Thanks, Kahleen

Donate Your Used Children's Clothes: We collect for a clothing ministry in Gilroy, so please drop off your used and not needed children's clothes at Play School. Thanks for the boy clothes that came in today!

Food to donate: We use sun butter from Trader Joe's. Any sun butter will do. Thanks

Birthdays: Here is the list dates of the first birthdays that I plan to give each child a crown, so that only one child (if possible) can be the birthday person each day. We are going to change the summer birthdays to ½ birthdays this year. Here are the names and dates for crowns coming up soon.

Dylan - Nov. 1, Nicene - Nov. 30, Gwyn - Dec. 2, Stevie - Dec. 6, Stella - Dec. 8

On MWF if you want Eliana and Evie to eat what you bring, call their mom's from the class list. Theo's Mom can be called from the TTh class list.

I have posted all these dates on the big calendar on the website, and if you do not find your child, please let me know (<http://mounthermon.org/playschool#calendar>). If the day that I picked is not good for you, please let me know and we can work out something else with a day that will work better for you. You may bring a treat to celebrate the birthday crown day. We suggest small, non gooey treats. Jello jigglers, pop corn, small cookies and cupcakes, small pieces of fruit, **rice crispy treats**, favorite veggie, etc. These are just some ideas. Remember that we are peanut free, but other nuts are fine.

About FOOD ALLERGYIES: At this point I have Eleana, Evie and Theo with food allergies. **If your child has a food allergy, please see Kahleen this week, so we can be sure our lists are up-to-date.** Please provide a birthday treat for your child to be kept at school for any celebrations, if they have a food allergy

Helpful tips for success at school: *(Especially important for our new Wed. only class!!!)*

1. BATHROOM: The children are trying to go to the bathroom on their own, but when there are snaps and zippers, or even really tight fitting elastic in the waste of the pants, it is impossible for them to complete this task alone.
2. SHOES: We allow shoes off upstairs during our pretend play time. Downstairs, we require that the shoes stay on downstairs, outside. Please try to have shoes that the child can take off and put on by themselves. Long shoe laces can get caught in the wheels of the trikes. Velcro and elastic can usually work, but we hope they can put them on by themselves. Thanks for your help and support.
3. Please do not send any food or drinks with your children to school, unless they are for allergies and then take them to the kitchen to be served at snack.
4. Please leave toys and blankets at home. They get lost at school.

Mrs. Zweers wood projects: *(We have some boards but we can always use help painting.)* One very special craft and learning activity that we do at school is hammering with real nails and hammers. In order to do this, we need LOTS of 6 inch pine shelving cut in 8inch sections, with the edges sanded so the children don't get splinters. We then need some of them painted and we have the paint. We use these boards with both classes so we figure that we need about 200, 8" x 6" boards. If you are interested, you can just get the boards, cut them and bring them to us. If you want to help with the painting, we buy the water base, glossy, out door paint, in the primary colors from the hardware store. If you are able to do the work, but do not have money for the materials, let Monica Zweers know. Thanks for any help.

Leaves: As we slide into the Fall, keep an eye out for leaves that are falling off trees in big piles. We love to have big piles of leaves for the children to play in, so we are asking that you bag leaves and bring them to school. Since they will be rolling in the leaves, please do NOT include oak leaves or any other that have sharp pokies on them. Thanks so much!!!

Special Prayer Meeting Offer:

Time with other mothers is valuable. Feel free to gather and visit, pray, and let the kids play any Monday. Use the room in the back, the infant room, bring your own snacks and remember to leave by the door by my office and do not go back and say good-bye to your children. Thanks!!!!

On the first Monday of the month from 9-10am, Kim Chestnut will meet with any moms that would like to share and pray. We have the infant room available for this special time. You can bring your babies and toddlers, let them play and you can pray. It would be nice if Kim could know if anyone was interested and planned to attend.

Kim <jkchestnut@hotmail.com>

Volunteers at Play School: Since the state has new requirements this year, anyone that wants to volunteer at Play School needs to see Kahleen to update the necessary information. The only parents that are all up to date are; Janelle, Stacy, Nicole and Susie, at this time (10-18-2016).

Blessings to all, Faith Filey, Monica Zweers, Brigitte Ross, Kate Wadhams, and Kahleen Edeal