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Today, Wednesday, Mrs. Zweers made pumpkin soup with the class. Everyone got to help but not everyone liked it. I LOVED it.

Week Six Themes: October 20 - 24, 2014 (This week)

- COLOR: ORANGE - please have your child wear as much ORANGE as possible.
- LETTER: "I", as iguana, igloo, incline, ish. This is for Pre-K.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Farm, Jack-O-Lanterns, hardware store
- MOVEMENT ROOM: Miss Filey is doing stilts and other fun movement things with the children now. Ask them.

Week SEVEN Themes: October 27 - October 31, 2014 **NO SCHOOL WED.THUR.FRIDAY**

- COLOR: ORANGE - please have your child wear as much ORANGE as possible.
- LETTER: NONE
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Farm and hardware store along with dressing up.
 - We are moving into the fall with pretend to cover the Halloween celebrations. Remember how scary this time can be, especially for the pre-school age children.
 - Fantasy and imaginative play are a very important part of a young child's life. Every day at home and at school your child pretends and experiments with being someone or something else. Through this play, a young child learns the difference between reality and fantasy and discovers who he/she really is. Halloween, however, can be an over stimulating and frightening time for young children because the difference between what is real and what is not real, but pretend, is not always totally clear to them. It is no longer fun when a child is genuinely afraid. We will be talking about these things with your children.

Week EIGHT Themes: November 3 - 7, 2014

- COLOR: GREEN
- LETTER: "U" As in UMBRELLA, UNDER, US, UNDERWEAR (hee hee). This is for Pre-K.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Fall, leaves, thankfulness
 - Please think about bagging up some leaves for us. Thanks
 - Mrs. Zweers will be making sun butter play dough this Wednesday
- MOVEMENT ROOM: Miss Filey is doing stilts and other fun movement things with the children now. Ask them.

Birthday Crowns: check the website: <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 with very little or no frosting, small pieces of fruit, rice crispy treats, frozen bananas on a stick are some ideas. Remember that we are peanut free (really the only seed/nut we have at school this year is sunflower).

About FOOD ALLERGIES: Due to the really bad effects of peanuts on Emmy, we ask that everyone wash hands really well before they enter the school. I cannot be on your hands or face or clothes. Thanks so much for helping us keep Emmy and Isaiah healthy.

Helpful tips for success at school:

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: Open shoes allow the sand to get in too easily, and there was some frustration today when the sand just would not stay out. If you have shoes that the child can take off and put on by themselves that is the best for school. Yes, I know, some of those come with all the holes for the sand to get in. Oh well, just think about it. Long shoe laces can get caught in the wheels of the trikes. Velcro and elastic can usually work, but we will help them when needed.

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. Thanks so much!!!

Book Orders: Lots of you ordered books this month and we want to thank you. That gives us credit to be able to get more books for the school. Next order is due in the basket or online (code is GYBPK) a Friday in November. Check with Miss Filey if you have any question.

Miss Filey Needs: Miss Filey needs 2 liter soda bottles soon. She also needs some help with her Pre-K letters for her Alphabet book. This project includes tracing the letters onto tag board and then cutting them out for 8 children. You can send an email to: PlaySchool@mounthermon.org or write her a letter or just talk to her at 1 after the children have checked out. Thanks

As November gets closer, so does our very fun day at Play School where we make stone soup with the children and have a big feast. This is a time where we ask for parents to help us. Remember that only the parents that have the paperwork done and proof of a TB skin test can work on the room. Ask me, Kahleen, if you have any questions.

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