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### **Notes:**

- **Tuition:** Due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month to avoid late fees. I will now be charging for late fees unless you have contacted me and we have a different agreement. Thanks
- **Late Pick-Up Fees:** I will start charging \$1 for each minute that you are late picking up. This is due to the amount of extra time the staff need to get things cleaned up and ready for the next day, so when you are late, it extends their day, but I do not have any extra money for the extra time. Thanks for working with each other to be cooperative to get the children picked up on time.
- **Pumpkins:** for decoration and carving by week 6.
- **Big boxes** to fill the game room downstairs. This will be for January and February!
- **Snow:** As in white paper that has been shredded. We "let it snow" outside when it is going to be dry for a bit, so the children can play in the paper, and then the worms eat it. Perfect!!!! This will be for January and February! No paper clips or plastic, only white paper, thanks!
- **Pet visits:** In February we would like to have pets visit. There will be sign-up on the counter in January so we only have one pet show up at a time. 9 to 9:20, with a short interview so the class can all meet the pet and maybe enough time for the children to touch, pet or hold.

### **Week FOUR Themes:** October 9 - 13, 2017

- BIRTHDAYS: Taygan - Oct. 12, Winter - Oct. 12,
- COLOR: YELLOW
- LETTER: "H" as in Hand, House, Heart
- COOKING ON WEDNESDAY: Lemonade, so please bring lemons. Mrs. Zweers will do this on Thursday too, with the Ladybug class if we have enough
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Hardware Store, Fall, Fire Fighters, Leaves - so please collect lots of them, the soft, colorful kind. You may have noticed boxes of them in the front of the doors to Play School. Thanks to Declan's family for them!!!!

### **Week FIVE Themes:** October 16 -18, 2017. **NOTE: NO SCHOOL** on Thursday and Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

- BIRTHDAYS: None
- COLOR: YELLOW
- LETTER: None
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: : Hardware Store, Fall, Leaves - so please collect lots of them, the soft, colorful kind.
- NOTE: On Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>, there is a Lost n Found sale at Mt.H. from 10 to 4:30 at Lakeside Lounge.

### **Week SIX Themes:** October 23 - 27, 2017

- BIRTHDAYS: April on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- COLOR: ORANGE
- LETTER: "T", as in turtle, tape, tissue, toes
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Hardware Store, Tools, Fall, Leaves. Pumpkins, so please bring one for us to carve and decorate.

**Book Orders Due:** The order is due by Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, online or put in basket at school.

**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.

I have posted all the 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 Winter and Ale with special food needs. **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

**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. All volunteers need: Proof of TB test, Measles & Pertussis vaccines, fill in 2 forms to be background checked, fill in a form in the volunteer binder for the state. The forms should be up on the website soon under Volunteers, so check there if you think you want to help at a party or just come in to help sometime. Thanks

**Food to donate to Play School:** We use unsweetened sun butter from Trader Joe's, organic apples and any veggie that your child likes to eat. Thanks

**Helpful tips for success at school:** *(Especially important for the TTh 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. Remind them that they should tell a teacher when they need to use the bathroom so we can be prepared to help if needed. We always want to help when the children poop.
2. SHOES: We allow shoes off upstairs during our pretend play time. Downstairs, we require that the shoes stay on 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.

**Leaves:** Please 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!!! Thanks to Declan and his family for many bags of amazing leaves!

**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 and equipment at Play School. Thanks for the boy clothes that came in the last couple of weeks!

*Blessings to all, Faith Fíley, Monica Zweers, Brígette Ross, Kate Wadhams, Lindsay Randolph, and Kahleen Edeal*

**\*\*\*We are looking for substitutes that have ECE units. Please send anyone you know that may be interested to the Mount Hermon website: <https://year-round-mounthermon.icims.com/jobs/1399/playschool-teacher-substitute/job>. Best if they don't have any children in Play School right now. Thanks!!!**