



### Key Dates in October

- **October 1-** Tuition Due
- **October 4-** Yoga
- **October 6-** Teachers Institute—No class
- **October 9-** Columbus Day—No Class
- **October 10-** Yoga
- **October 11-** Fire Safety Day
- **October 13-** Mummy/Son bowling forms DUE
- **October 18-** Yoga
- **October 22-** Mummy/Son Bowling
- **October 24-** Picture Day
- **October 25-** Yoga
- **October 27th-** Scholastic orders DUE
- **October 31st-** Halloween Celebrations—All students attend. **NO EXTENDED DAY CLASSES**

## Tidbits From The Teachers

Happy fall! The children have been doing a wonderful job adjusting and making new friends. They are becoming more comfortable in their classroom each day, and it is so gratifying to see them choose work that they enjoy and are curious to learn more about. Each month we will incorporate a different topic into the classroom that coincides with your child's independent learning. During the month of October we love to immerse all areas of the classroom with fall-themed activities. The children will be exploring the different parts of leaves and trees through hands-on projects, such as identifying, coloring and labeling their parts, leaf rubbing and using the leaf insets to make beautiful collages.

We will also focus on observing the season, and all of the fascinating changes that come with it.

Another area that we will be exploring is the Solar System. This is always a wonderful time in our classroom as the children are very excited to learn about our planets, using our planet models, singing our planet song, and making their very own Solar System!

As the leaves fall and the temperatures begin to drop, our outside time will become increasingly more valuable. Please remember to dress your children in weather-appropriate outerwear so that they may take advantage of what sunshine and comfortable temperatures remain of the season.



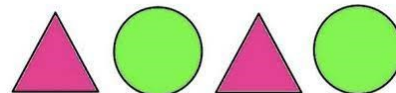
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# Extended Day Updates

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Math Madness



Many children love to search for patterns in the world around them. Pattern recognition is a key step in developmental learning, and it also teaches basic math concepts. Patterns can be comforting to young children. They help them understand what comes next, bringing a bit of order to their chaotic world. Through hands on projects, games, books, and songs we will immerse ourselves in all types of patterns.

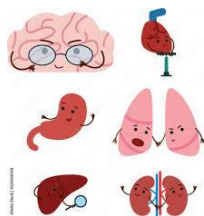


Art Club



"Above all, art should be fun."- Alexander Calder

For extended-day in October, students will be learning about the artist Alexander Calder. Calder is a surrealism sculptor known for using light and motion in his art. Students will be making a variety of mobile sculptures and sun catchers inspired by some of his works.



Science Discoveries

"Children acquire knowledge through experience in the environment." — Dr. Maria Montessori

We learned about and experimented with simple machines last month. This month, we will explore the organs of our body and their functions. This will create an awareness of their bodies and environment in the children as they continue to grow.



# Phonics Fun

For the month of October, with fun crafts, books, and songs, we will continue to learn the sounds that each letter makes. Last month we focused on the vowels, now we're moving on to consonants.

## Fun Fridays



During the month of October we will be venturing out to the nature path that backs up to our outdoor space. Fall is such a beautiful time of year for nature walks! Investigating all the changes starting to take place, collecting items of interest, and lots of observing all the wildlife around us. "When children come into contact with nature, they reveal their strength." Maria Montessori

## HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION!

Tuesday, October 31st

ALL STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Please note the following guidelines:

- Do not send any weapons with costumes.
- Send your child dressed in his or her costume.
- No high heel costume shoes; safe comfortable shoes are best for everyone.
- *Please remember—No extended day classes on Tuesday, October 31st.*  
*As always, NO TREATS CONTAINING NUTS.*



# Reminders from the Office

✍ **Family envelopes** are sent home every Wednesday. We include various documents (i.e., Scholastic book order reminders, field trip information, events, etc.). Families are asked to remove the contents and return your envelope to school the next day! Paperwork gets lost if we do not have your envelope!

✍ **Tuition envelopes** are to be used **for tuition only**. All payments for other activities (book orders, field trips etc.) are to be made separately and returned to school with the corresponding paperwork.

✍ **Policy and Procedure Manuals** were received by all families upon enrollment with us. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the material in this manual. It contains important information relevant throughout the school year.

✍ **The newsletter** contains important information including what is going on at school, upcoming events, changes in the school calendar, and holidays we are celebrating. In some cases, you will be asked to bring items to school. ***Please be sure to thoroughly read your newsletter.*** We would hate for you to miss out on anything!

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✍ **Scholastic books** are a wonderful inexpensive way to share the love of reading with your children. Our school receives bonus points for all orders placed through us. Order reminders are sent home in family envelopes. Happy reading!

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## CATALOGS

We will be sending home copies of the Montessori Services [for small hands catalog](#).

These catalogs are a great resource for families to purchase items to help bring Montessori learning into your home.

We will receive a credit toward the purchase of materials for all orders placed using our customer number that is located on the back of your catalog.

If you have any questions please contact Nikki Carchedi at [montessoriofplainfield@gmail.com](mailto:montessoriofplainfield@gmail.com).



# September Fun!



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