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Online Family Resource Area

NEW PHOTOS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE WEBSITE ON: 9/30/2009

Be sure to visit the Family Resource area of the website for photos and additional family resources. Don't forget to share with your friends & family!

LOG-IN INFO:

Username:

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Upcoming Closures

We will be closed the first full week in October (**October 5th – October 9th**) for vacation.

October Lesson Plans

- **Letters:** *X, J, U*
- **Numbers:** *24, 10, 21*
- **Shapes:** *Review*
- **Colors:** *Review*
- **Nursery Rhyme:** *Hot Cross Buns*
- **Cultures Around the World:** *Australia*
- **Fall**

Qualistar Rating Complete

We received our Qualistar Rating a few weeks ago and I am pleased to announce we did very well and received a 3-Star rating (out of 4 stars). The Qualistar rater said we did an outstanding job as we were rated on the new FCCERS tool which has more vigorous standards compared to the previous tool being used up until this year. Additionally, we prepared for our rating within 3 months time when all programs that undergo the Qualistar rating get at least 12 months to prepare. I am confident we can obtain a 4 star rating the next time.

You will find our Qualistar Early Learning Report in a binder on the Parent Sign-In desk, please feel free to read through it if you'd like (it's on the bottom shelf between the red boxes).

A Few Reminders --

I would like to take a moment to remind all families of a few of our school policies:

Please do not allow your child to bring in **food** or **toys** from home (including unfinished food that was eaten in the car).

Please do not dump cups, bottles, or food in the street in the front of the house. You are welcome to bring these inside and dump them in the trash can or sink. Please help me to keep our home and property looking clean.

And lastly, please remember to notify me via phone or text if your child will not be attending that day.

THANK YOU for your cooperation, it is appreciated!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to Josh & Elier! Elier will be turning **5 years old** on Friday, October 9th. Josh will be turning **7 years old** on Friday, October 2nd. Since we will be closed for vacation on the 9th, we will celebrate both birthdays with birthday treats in the afternoon on **Friday, October 2nd**.

October Field Trip – Anderson Farms

We will be visiting Anderson Farms on **Friday, October 16th** for our annual Pumpkin Patch field trip. This will be our sixth year visiting the farm, and I look forward to returning. We will depart here promptly at **8:30 a.m.** and will return by **12:30/12:45 p.m.** There is a **\$6.00** field trip fee, due **Monday, October 12th**.

As the farm is a distance from us (Anderson Farms is located in Erie, just 12 miles north of 120th Ave), I ask that all children please pack a **sack lunch** so that we may eat while at the farm. Please make sure your child's lunch is packed in either a **paper sack or plastic grocery bag** so that all the lunches will fit into my cooler. The parking lot is a ways away from the picnic tables, so I'd like to lessen the amount of items that need to be carried in. Also, please refrain from packing soda or lots of sugary items in your child's lunch – Thank you!

WHAT TO BRING:

The weather is never predictable on the farm, and it is usually cold when we go. Because it is open fields, the temperature tends to be cooler than here in the city. Please make sure your child has the following items in case of chilly weather:

- **MITTENS**
- **HAT**
- **WARM COAT**
- **SHOES or BOOTS** (Boots if there has been rain or snow prior to our trip – it will be muddy if so!)

Children will be able to pick a pumpkin in the pumpkin patch and bring it home with them. *Parents are more than welcome to join us, the fee is \$6.00 per person.* ☺

Scholastic Book Clubs

THANK YOU for your **September book orders!** And, **Thank You** for supporting reading in our program. ☺

I have included the October Scholastic Book Club catalogs along with the newsletter. You may also view and purchase from the catalogs online as well. Remember, your purchases help us earn **FREE** books for our classroom! You may also access the Scholastic Book Clubs Online Ordering from the protected Family Resource Area of the website.

www.scholastic.com/parentordering

Class User Name: **xxxxxx**

Password: **xxxxxx**

All orders are due by **Wednesday, October 14th.**

Thank you for your support!

Halloween Celebration

We will have our Halloween celebration in the morning on Friday, the 30th. We will have various activities planned throughout the morning and I will order pizza for lunch. Rather than serving sweets in the morning, I will serve a special treat in the afternoon for snack. The children may dress up in their costumes if he/she wishes, however, please do not let your child bring in costume accessories (tiara's, wands, etc.) to prevent losing these items.

Winter Clothing Items

Snow and cold weather are almost here and I would like to make sure the children are prepared for our Outdoor Play. I firmly believe that fresh air is vital to a child's development, and that it is important for children to be able to get out and run and use their large motor skills on a daily basis. Additionally, snow can be a great sensory experience and a lot of fun for kids. Unless the weather is extreme outside, we will be visiting the outdoors for a minimum of **10 minutes per day** (our time outside will be longer if the weather is warm/mild). I of course will use good judgment when considering weather conditions (wind chill factor, etc).

It is vital that your child has the following items available here each day:

- Warm Coat
- Warm Hat
- Mittens (water proof please – your child will want to touch the snow!)
- Snow Boots

I suggest having extra of the above items to leave here for your child so that he/she always has them ready for outdoor play. I do have a few extra mittens/hats if necessary, please keep in mind that they may or may not fit your child. However, ***I will not have extra snow boots or warm coats so please do not forget to provide these clothing items for your child daily or when appropriate.*** The ground may be muddy after the snow melts, you may still want your child in boots so their shoes do not get wet and muddy. Also take a moment and change out your child's extra set of clothes from summer clothing to winter clothing. You can find your child's extra set of clothes hanging on the back of the bathroom door.

Thank you for your cooperation, we always enjoy winter here and look forward to the fun!

WET SHOES AND BOOTS

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask that when the ground is wet outside due to snow or rain, that the children remove their shoes at the front door upon arrival. Please have him/her place their shoes or boots on the rug at the entrance. This will help to keep the floors dry and prevent falls and injuries.

Have a WONDERFUL month!
- Babette & Kearyan

OCTOBER

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Music Class @ 11:00 a.m.	2 Josh's Birthday	3
4	5 CLOSED	6	7	8	9 Elier's Birthday	10
11	12 Music Class @ 11:00 a.m. \$6.00 Fee Due	13	14 Book Club Orders Due	15 Library Depart @ 10:15 a.m.	16 Pumpkin Patch Depart @ 8:30 a.m. BAG LUNCH	17
18	19 \$4.00 Gym Fee Due	20	21	22	23 OPEN GYM @ C.G.I Depart @ 9:00 a.m.	24
25	26 Music Class @ 11:00 a.m.	27	28	29	30 Halloween Celebration	31

