



News Letter

October 2018

Our Lady's Child Care Center

Important reminders for all families; we are closed October 8th, in observance of Columbus Day.

Please return all paperwork promptly to the office. If you have a different last name than your child please write the child's last name on the check, we have 120 children enrolled and it can get pretty confusing for us. If you need to pay cash please pay Perri directly and get a receipt at the time of payment.

Parents please refrain from sharing your access code to enter the building(s), this includes teaching your children your code.

School age families: Due to the high enrollment in our School Age Program we are going to institute a cap on sign-up care; no school and ½ days. We have 18 total slots in each school age room. In the case that we have more children signed up than we can accommodate preference will be given to children scheduled for that specific day of the week. Tuesdays and Thursday are particularly heavy days for us and will pose the greatest challenge. We will put the sign-up sheets out earlier than we have in the past to allow time for parents to make other arrangements in the case that we cannot accommodate their child on a specific day. With all of that said the first ½ day of this school year has not yet reached capacity. We want to clearly express to families our decision making process regarding this difficult

situation. If you have any questions feel free to ask Jon or Perri.

Parents of school age walkers, it is getting colder every day. Make sure your child is dressed appropriately. To

avoid any morning arguments feel free to evoke Jon as the bad guy, "I know you don't want to wear a sweatshirt and rain boots, but Jon said you have to."

Fire Safety and Prevention week is the 7th-13th of October. The preschoolers will be learning about prevention and preparedness; don't be alarmed if they have questions or concerns regarding fire. The Public Safety Complex is hosting an open house community event on October 7th. There will be a special visit to Our Lady preschool classes October 9th by the Easthampton Fire Department trucks and crew.

The preschool classrooms are already looking forward to their trips to Fletcher farm in Southampton on October 22nd and 25th. The kids always do a great job at the farm and they love to ride on the bus. The buses will be full this year, but if your child is not scheduled on the day that their class will be at the farm feel free to meet us there. Also if any parents want to volunteer to chaperone we always appreciate volunteers, although depending on the bus occupancy you may have to drive to the farm.

Just a few reminders for parents:

- Please label everything (food, cups, pacifiers, etc.) that comes into the center.
- Please check your child's mailbox frequently found in the classrooms (Infants/toddlers are in the entranceway below the parent sign-in sheet)
- Please bring a light jacket or a sweater for your child as we still go outside daily (including infants).
- Check out the calendar for program and community events

Blue Room – Beth and Angela

Yeah! Fall has finally arrived bringing with it cooler and drier weather for all of us to enjoy! This is certainly one of the best times of the year.

We will be spending these fall days on activities and games that will help each child develop their large and fine motor skills, their social/ emotional skills, and their language development etc. This will all happen through our daily activities and play times.

As a reminder please remember to label all items that come into the center such as; bottles, food, pacifiers, etc.

We hope everyone has a great month and we wish all a Happy Halloween! As always, if you have any questions, concerns or comments please do not hesitate to seek us out.

Yellow Room –Jayna and Miranda

Welcome Fall! We look forward to the change of season and the beautiful colors. This month we will be learning about fall, fire safety, community helpers, pumpkins, and Halloween!

Green Room – Ivette and Ally

The Green Room is looking forward to October! This month we will be learning about fall. We will sing songs and make fall themed art. We will talk about fire safety and we might even get to see a real fire truck! Then we will start getting ready for Halloween. We will learn about pumpkins; we will have pumpkin

crafts and a pumpkin in our texture table. We will learn about bats. We will finish off the month with a Halloween week with lots of Halloween crafts! Be on the lookout for some new handprint art on the walls. We may even have some paint in between our toes this week!

Room 1- Jon

It's October! And we know what that means...Halloween!!! We will spend the month decorating our classroom with creepy crafty art; zombies, monsters, spider webs and more. The room will be transformed for our School Age Halloween Party. We are planning a Halloween celebration. We will have games and spooky activities on the 29th, (the same day as the Rag Shag) kids can bring in their costumes if they want for a Halloween (dance) party.

Room 2- Brittany and Casey

Room 2 is ready for fall! We will start off October by learning about the farm and what animals we can find there. The second week of October is Fire Safety week, we will learn about how to stay safe in a fire and how firefighters can help keep us safe. We will also have a firetruck coming to visit! We will spend a week talking about pumpkins and are even going to pick our own pumpkins! To end the month we will be doing lots of fun and messy Halloween art.

Room 3- Cassie

Room 3 has been very messy this past month! In October we look forward to learning about fall, community helpers, musical instruments and of course, Halloween! While we talk about fall we are going to focus on how the world around us is changing and why. We are also looking forward to the fire truck coming to visit us with the firefighters! Everyone in Room 3 loves to rock out to music with instruments, so we are excited to learn about different kinds of instruments that we might not see every day. This month we have been talking a lot about chemical reactions and how 2

things comes together to make something happen. Ask your child about the experiments we have been doing! We will be continuing to do a science experiment at least once a week. For Halloween we are asking that parents DO NOT send in candy as a treat. We can accept store bought treats only, but we do try to stay away from the candy. Don't forget that letter share days are on Friday. The new letter of the week will be posted on the white board on Monday!

Room 4– Jen and Nikki

Room 4 is ready to have some fall fun! We will start the month off learning about apples; all of the different kinds and colors. Fire Safety week is the second week in October, we will learn about preventing fires and how to stay safe in case of a fire. We will also have a special visit from the Easthampton Fire Department. We will learn about farms and farm animals. Room 4 is very excited that we are going to the pumpkin patch in October. We will spend a week talking about pumpkins and we will do lots of pumpkin art! We will end the month with lots of Halloween fun!

Room 5- Tyler

Oh boy is Room 5 excited for October! We will begin the month by learning about fall and how the seasons change and why. We are also very excited to start talking about Halloween! We will be adding spooky crafts to our walls along with some gooey, slimy science experiments! We will be having our Halloween Party on October 25th! Costumes are encouraged and if you would like to bring a snack or treat please remember it much be store bought and peanut free. *No candy please!*

Directors Corner

We want to introduce our parents to two new faces they may see here at the center; Kyla will be returning to help us in the infant/ toddler building during the morning hours, and Emma will be

working with the School Age program in the afternoons.

The Women's Club at the church is organizing a program to help a family in need with gifts for the holidays. If you are interested in this program please let Perri know in the next two weeks. Perri will get the relevant information; age, gender sizes, and interests to the Women's Club.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



~ October 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <u>½ Day EES</u>	4	5 Sukkot begins	6
7 *National Fire Safety and Prevention Week*	8 We are Closed <u>Columbus Day</u>	9 PTO Meeting EHFD visits OLCC	10	11	12	13 Easthampton Harvest Festival
14	15	16	17	18 <u>½ Day EES</u>	19 <u>½ Day EES</u>	20
21	22 Preschool Field Trip to Fletchers Farm	23 PTO Meeting	24	25 Preschool Field Trip to Fletchers Farm	26	27
28	29 Rag Shag Parade	30 Rag Shag Parade Rain Date	31 Happy Halloween 	Notes: Follow the Easthampton Parks and Recreation Department on Facebook for more details about the Harvest Festival and Rag Shag Parade.		

Like to volunteer?

Let your child's teacher know if you would
Parents Volunteers Always Wanted!

Let us know if you want to volunteer to come in and spend some time with us. We would love to have you. You could read to us, you could play an instrument, you could just be a classroom helper.

Anything you do means everything to us.