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Lansdowne YMCA Child Care

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A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR KINDERSCHOOL FAMILIES

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS

Dear Parents,

We're off to a good start. The children are adapting to their new surroundings and getting settled in the classrooms. Our first goal is to make your child feel comfortable, because research shows that once children feel safe in their environment, then they can actively explore and learn. Parents and family members can help by building a relationship with your child's teachers. Take the time to get to know who works with your child and share information with the staff as often as possible. Make time to read the lesson plans posted in the hallway and engage your children in discussion at dinner time using key words from the day's lessons. Remember, simply asking the question, "What did you learn today?" will yield little to no information since our children play all day. However, asking, "Can you tell me about leaves in the fall?" because you know that is the topic for the week, you may get a very different answer from your child.

Please see or call your child's teachers at any time throughout the year for questions directly related to the classroom. The white boards, located outside the classroom, will display valuable information, so please get into the habit of checking it daily. All other questions can be directed to the Child Care Office.

Thank you for entrusting your child to our care each day.

Sincerely,

Claire Martorana
Child Care Director

Melody Graves
Asst. Child Care Director

Family Night

It's Chuck E. Cheese night for the Lansdowne Y Kinderschool on Wednesday, October 18 from 3:00pm-9:00pm. Staff will be on hand at different times of the evening to socialize with families. When families spend money at this event, Chuck E. Cheese will donate 15% of the evening's sales toward the Kinderschool. This is also a great opportunity to meet your child's friends and families in an informal setting. Many great friendships began during the preschool years. Just be sure to mention you are with the Lansdowne Y Kinderschool so they can track the evening's sales. Token purchases from machines will not be included in the sales.



15%
DONATION
of all event
SALES

All children who attend will receive free tokens at the door. See you there!

SPECIAL REMINDERS

Happenings

- **October 18** -Chuck E Cheese Night, 3-9pm
- **October 25** -Back to School Night - Rooms 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 7-8pm
- **October 9 to November 1**—Yankee Candle Sales
- **October 31** - Fall Festival Parade—at 10:00am

Reminders

- This and all newsletters can also be found on our webpage at www.cyedc.org
- The last three parking spaces along the building are for Child Care drop-off and pick-up. Please **do not park in the first five designated handicapped spaces.**



GREAT BOOKS TO READ!

Take time to curl up with your child and a good book. Studies show that reading to your child increases their vocabulary and makes them better readers. This month, why not head to the library and check out one of these great books.

Share Big Bear, Share!
by Maureen Wright

A Friend Like You
by Schomburg & Rottgen

The Biggest Apple Ever
by Steven Kroll

Seed, Sprout, Pumpkin, Pie
by Jill Esbaum

We're Going on a Leaf Hunt
by Steve Metzger



CLASSROOM

ROOM 1

What a great start to the school year. We welcomed new friends and our new teacher, Miss Jocelyn. In October, we will continue to learn about letters, colors and shapes and will talk about Autumn weather, falling leaves and pumpkins!

ROOM 2

September flew by, and although we had a great time getting to know all of our new faces, completing crafts to decorate our walls, and enjoyed our pumpkin patch party, we are ready for the month of October! This month we will continue with pumpkin and seasonal activities, and create costumes for our harvest parade. We will also focus on dental health as we eagerly await Chuck E Cheese night.

ROOM 3

We are off to a good start and have many things planned for October. This month we will discuss; the season of fall, pumpkins, and conclude with a Harvest Party. Throughout the year we will be concentrating on a different letter of the alphabet each week. Your students will strengthen their recognition of colors, numbers and shapes on a daily basis and practice writing their names as well. The staff in room 3 is committed to helping your child learn and grow!

ROOM 4

We look forward to an amazing school year. It has been a blast getting to know each other. The children have adjusted well to their new classroom routines and learned about the farm and farm animals. This month we will talk about the season of fall, pumpkins, nocturnal animals.

ROOM 5

As we say goodbye to the month of September we welcome a fun-filled October. The children have adjusted well to their new classroom routines. Being respectful, safe and responsible are practiced daily. This month we will spend time learning through Pete the Cat books, investigating pumpkins, having fun with scarecrows, and exploring our eight legged friends, the spiders. Come see some of the things the children have been doing in our class. Join us for Back to School Night on October 25th. Thank you to all the adults who joined us on our trip to Linvilla Orchards.

ROOM 6

The start of the school year has been a great success. The children are adapting to their new surroundings and getting settled in their classroom. As we say goodbye to the month of September we welcome a fun-filled October. This month we will discuss the season of fall, apples, farm animals, and fire prevention. Children enjoyed the hay ride on our first field trip to Linvilla Orchards. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who made our field trip a great success.



OCTOBER NEWS...

Back to School Night

Preschool Rooms 3, 4, 5 and 6

It is time for the kids to show off all their hard work! Please take the time to visit your child's classroom between 7-8pm on Wednesday, October 25 to see what they've learned and accomplished in such a short time. We welcome the entire family, so don't worry about getting a sitter. We hope to see you there!

Fall Class Celebrations With a Twist

During the week before October 31, each class will select a children's book and use that as a theme throughout the week. The children will work on activities and games, make classroom decorations, and design costumes that reflect characters in the book. On Tuesday, October 31, the children will enjoy a literacy parade around the building and pick up items from each of the six books read throughout the week in each classroom. They will also get a chance to show off their character costumes. Parents are invited to come see the parade at 10am.

Developmental Screenings & Assessments

A developmental screening helps parents and teachers identify children's strengths and needs. It is not an assessment but rather a means to target areas where children may need additional help. The questionnaire is completed by both the parent and the child's teacher within the first 45 days of a child's enrollment. Parents are asked to complete the form and return it to their child's teacher. Once the teacher has the information, both the parent and teacher can compare the results and together answer any questions that may be raised. Parents will receive a copy of both questionnaires. This information helps the teachers plan lessons throughout the school year.

The first child assessment for this year will be handed out the week of October 23. Preschool children will be assessed through the Work Sampling System, while toddler teachers will use the Ounce assessment. The week of October 24 will be conference week, so if you'd like more information, or just want to speak with your child's teacher, see the sign up sheets outside the classrooms the week prior.

Seasonal Change of Clothes

Does your child still have a summer change of clothes in their cubby? Does your child have a change of clothes at all in their cubby? There are numerous reasons that require children to have a spare set on hand, and the center does not have extras. Please check to ensure your child has a seasonal set of clothes complete with: underwear, socks, shoes, top and bottom; appropriate for the current outdoor temperature.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Children seldom misquote. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said. ~Author unknown

HEALTH CORNER

Why get vaccinated? Influenza (flu) is a contagious disease.

It is caused by the influenza virus, which can be spread by coughing, sneezing or nasal secretions. Anyone can get the flu, but rates of infection are highest among children. For most people, symptoms last only a few days and include:

Fever/chills * sore throat * muscle aches * fatigue * cough * headache runny/stuffy nose

By getting a flu vaccine you can protect yourself from the virus and may also avoid spreading the flu to others. For more information, check out the handout located in the childcare lobby resource rack.

BIRTHDAYS

A very happy birthday to everyone celebrating this month!

Kieran, Michael, Saudah and Emma

