



October 2017



A Message from our Teachers

September was a great start to what we know will be a wonderful year! We have loved getting to know the preschool families and your children more and more each day, and watch many special friendships begin to blossom.

Although we have only had a month together, we've already done so much! Our nature project has allowed us to hone in on some common interests over the past weeks, such as our current baking and food project. Thank you to all who contributed a huge variety of apples for us to sample and bake delicious apple crumble with this week. The children are loving playing in the dramatic play bakery and "cooking" creations at the play dough table, and we encourage you to extend this interest at home by having your child help you in the kitchen! Next week we will be investigating more about foods and making healthy eating choices.

Important Dates

Friday, October 13 – 4's class to Granary road

October 17 and 18 – Picture Day

Thursday, October 26 – 3's class to the Children's Reading Place

Monday, October 30 – 4's Halloween party

Tuesday, October 31 – 3's Halloween party

Another interest many have demonstrated has stemmed from the much-loved "owl" game. The children have loved using flashlights around the dark room and have also been experimenting with different levels of light in the dramatic play room. We will

build upon this interest in light and dark in the coming weeks and can't wait to see where the children take us!

This month, we look forward to some exciting firsts for the year! First, we will be going to the park with all of the classes and kindly ask that you prepare your child **each day** for the weather, including a warm coat, hat, mittens, and boots or snow pants as necessary. Please consider choosing items that your child is able to dress themselves with independently or with limited assistance (i.e. no gloves, shoelaces) so that we can maximize our outdoor play time!

Secondly, we look forward to venturing out into the community with some first field trips for the 4's class and the 3's class! The 4's will be exploring the nature-themed active play park at Granary Road next **Friday, October 13th** and the 3's class will be visiting the lovely Children's Reading Place on **Thursday, October 26th**. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend these sure to be fun field trips along with us!

This month we will also be celebrating Halloween with very special parties for each class. The 4's party will take place on **Monday, October 30th**, and the 3's and 3-5's parties will take place on **Tuesday, October 31st** during regular class times. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend these special days, and anyone wishing to contribute with snacks or helping out before/during/after can sign up on the sheet located at the sign in table.

Finally, we are so thrilled with the positive response and participation in our new documentation system, Storypark! We do not wish for your emails to be flooded with notifications, so we invite you to turn off notifications for comments made by other parents if desired. However, please ensure notifications are turned on for stories, announcements, and conversations so that you do not miss out on important information about the preschool and upcoming events.

We are so excited to delve into another fun and exciting month of preschool!

Ms Danielle and Ms Aleks

A Message from the Board

There are still spots that need to be filled for our first clean up. Please make sure to sign up!

Please label all of your children's belongings. Check out Mabel's labels for cute long-lasting labels <https://mabelslabels.com>

