



Message from the Director

When I taught in the 4s program I often found myself astounded on the first school day when I saw the new 3 year old children—surely they were just babies still, not preschoolers! I am no longer fooled, because I now know that they will grow and develop in leaps and bounds over the course of the upcoming school

year. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe made the observation that when we watch the astounding pace of the development of the infant and the young child, we should deduce that “if children grew up according to early indications, we should have nothing but geniuses” as adults. Yes, indeed, the young child does grow and learn at an amazing pace!

We at Creative Preschool are excited and happy to be partners in this process. We strive to provide an environment rich in possibilities to explore, think, deduce and discover, not only for future success in school, but for success in life. We also strive to provide an environment which encourages respect and courtesy for ourselves and for others in ways which have the greatest potential to lay the foundation of growing productive, kind, and polite adults.

You, however, are the primary source of your child’s education and growth. Home is the place where children first learn to limit their wishes, abide by rules, take responsibility for their actions and in-actions, and consider the rights and needs of others.

As parents ourselves, we understand that there are always parenting questions on your mind. “Am I handling this the best way?” “Will my child learn all he needs to know?” “Am I raising a child of respect and responsibility?” From time to time, then, attached to your newsletter will be an article which will address issues parents face. This month’s article, found on the last page of this newsletter, is advice for parents from Shawn Brady, author of *You Are What You Decide: Eight Keys to Better Decision Making*. Shawn Brady assists businesses and government entities across the nation to better express mission, vision, and core beliefs and to use them as essentials in strategic planning for a successful business model. He believes that those same strategies can be used by parents. Perhaps you will find his 10 tips interesting!

There is no doubt that parenting is by far one of the most exhausting and frustrating, yet the most important and rewarding job we shall ever undertake! We, as a society, and we, the staff here at Creative Preschool, owe a debt of gratitude to you parents for taking on and for DOING SO WELL the job of raising your little ones into future magnificent adults.

So, in October we hope you will notice in our halls and in your child’s cubby our meager effort to thank you, our “M”arvelous & “M”agnificent Creative Preschool parents, for all you are and all you do.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

9/30	4s MWF Farm Field Trip
10/1	4s T/Th & T/Th/F Farm Field Trip
10/2	PreK Farm Field Trip
10/7	MW 3s Farback-Werner Field Trip
10/10	T/Th 3s Farback-Werner Field Trip
10/17	Little Caesar Pizza Pick-up FELLOWSHIP HALL
10/20	Fall Family Fun Fest
10/25	Friday Friends Halloween Parade
10/30	MW & MWF Halloween Parade (details on pg. 2)
10/31	T/Th & T/Th/F Halloween Parade (details on pg. 2)
11/5	No School

Halloween is Coming

Halloween is almost as important as Christmas in the world of a child, so we celebrate here at Creative with a parade and lots of fun! Parents, siblings and guests are invited to join us as spectators of our Halloween Parade. Bring your camera for a photo-op! You can expect to be here for no more than one-half hour after the parade begins.

Halloween Guidelines

Although Halloween is most definitely anticipated with delight, young children often experience some fear, as well. In our effort to make this day as fun, stress-free, and as safe as possible for our preschoolers, then, we are asking that you please keep some simple pointers in mind:

- Children should wear *child-friendly* costumes
- Please either have your child wear shorts and t-shirt under their costume or send a change of clothing
- No weapons are ever allowed at school! :)
- Costume props, though fun, can create safety issues during the parade and in the classroom. If your child brings props to school, please take them home with you after the parade
- Princess heels and fancy shoes are unsafe. Gym shoes are still appropriate!
- The children will trick-or-treat in their classroom, so you may send treats to pass out to their friends. Please send a treat for each classmate *and one for your child, as well*, as we will be developing the concept of one-to-one correspondence while passing treats, one into each of their classmate's bag
- Children will be making their own trick or treat bag at school, so there is no need to send one with them

HALLOWEEN PARADE TIMES



Class	Date	Parade Time
Friday Friends	Friday, Oct. 25	9:15 AM
MW/MWF AM	Wednesday, Oct. 30	9:15 AM
MW/MWF PM	Wednesday, Oct. 30	12:45 PM
T/Th AM	Thursday, Oct. 31	9:15 AM
T/Th/TThF PM	Thursday, Oct. 31	1:00 PM

News from Three's



October is a very busy month for us! We will be discussing the fall season and observing all the changes this time of year brings. Our field trip will enhance our appreciation of this colorful season. The Field Trip to Farbach Werner will be Monday October 7 for MW classes and Thursday October 10 for TTH classes. AM classes meet at 10:00 and PM classes meet at 12:30. See above for Halloween Party information and guidelines. Please read the schedule and the guidelines so that the day can be as happy as possible for the children! We are off to a great start and we are having fun learning, too! Never hesitate to contact your teacher if you have a problem or a concern.

News from Friday Friends

Friday Friends are off to a great start! We are making new friends, learning new things, learning our classroom rules, and practicing putting our toys away. The children will continue to develop social skills, most importantly taking turns and sharing. We will be creating some special Fall/Halloween art projects to decorate your house, as well as learn more about colors and shapes. We will be talking about feelings and play with positional words. Halloween information can be found on page 2 of this newsletter. We will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 25. Please read the schedule and the guidelines on p. 2 so that the day can be as happy as possible for the children! Please always feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns!

News from Four's



REMINDER: The Wendel Farm Field Trip will be Monday, September 30 for the M/W/F AM classes and Tuesday, October 1 for the T/Th and T/Th/F classes.

As we begin our second month of school, we are happy to say that the children are adjusting quite well to our routines and to their new friends. The children are learning to take care of their own

needs, to clean up after themselves, and to be responsible for the proper use of materials in our classrooms. As each day passes, we expect to see more and more independence!

We will continue to learn about our senses this month. With the approach of Halloween, we will also be talking about our feelings and we will create creepy (but fun!) art and crafts in keeping with the season! Child-friendly Halloween celebrations will be held here at Creative. Halloween information and reminders can be found on page 2. Please read the schedule and guidelines so that the day can be as happy as possible for the children!

4's MONTHLY FOCUS

Letters...	H, M, P
Numbers...	5, 6, 7, 8
Shapes...	oval
Senses...	taste, smell, touch
Vocabulary...	nature, rough, smooth, soft, hard, heavy, light, diameter, bitter, sour, sweet & salty, weight, experiment, insect and arachnid

News from PreK

The first month of school has gone well! The children are becoming good friends and they have adjusted to the routines and activities in our classroom. Everyone is always excited to participate in whatever is planned for the day and we are all working very hard at being good listeners. They are a terrific group of children!

We begin this month with Special Art with Mrs. DePaoli for the first time. Our field trip to Gorman Heritage Farm will be on Wednesday, October 2. Themes for this month: we will finish our study of shapes and our five senses and continue with our study of numbers and letters.

Autumn items and rocks/geology will be found on our Science table. We will also celebrate Halloween with a party on October 31. Halloween information and reminders can be found on page 2. Please read the schedule and guidelines on p.2 so that the day can be as happy as possible for the children.

PREK MONTHLY FOCUS

Letters...	H, M, P
Numbers...	5, 6, 7, 8
Shapes...	oval
Vocabulary...	autumn, sweet, sour, salty, smooth, rough, emotions, geology

News from Art

At our first meeting, October 3 and 4 the Fours and PreK children will be making shape collages, using the work of the artists Joan Miro and Henri Matisse as inspiration. Be on the lookout for the children's masterpieces in the hallways at the middle of the month!

News from Motor Skills and Music

We all met Mrs. Schablein in September and enjoyed our "special" Music time with her. This month in music class Mrs. Schablein says, "We will be learning about beat and rhythm. Beat is a steady and regular pulse in music. Like your heartbeat, it just keeps pounding along. Sometimes it's a fast beat, sometimes a slow beat (tempo), but it stays steady and regular. The beat is the heart of music."



The concept of rhythm will be introduced, as well. The children will discover how it is different from the beat. Rhythm is long sounds and short sounds. Rhythm changes with the words. We will have so much fun exploring these concepts together while singing songs, listening to music, and using our body, percussion and rhythm sticks!

Keeping You Informed – Progress Reporting

The week of October 28 expect to find an envelope in your child's cubby with a Goal Sheet and signature form stating that you have received your child's Progress Report.

The Progress Report will be emailed to each family before or on the day this envelope comes home in the Fall, again in the Winter and the final report will be sent in May. These reports will convey how your child appears to be progressing toward achievement of developmental milestones for children ages 3-5. You are asked to return the form stating that you have received the report and the signed Goal Sheet no later than November 8.

Your child's Goal Sheet is a required form. Using the results of the ASQs you filled out and what we have learned about your child through observation and testing, combined with your comments on the Child and Family Information Sheet, your teacher has isolated a goal for the upcoming year. This goal might be related to a struggle your child seems to be having, it may be directed toward improving a skill or reaching a developmental milestone, or it may be directed toward helping your child further hone a strength. As you partner with us in your child's education and development, you may be asked to support this goal with certain activities at home. **Please sign and return this sheet, as well.**

Although we do not automatically schedule conferences for each family, we are so happy to meet or talk with parents at any time, including after you have received progress reports. Please either indicate your desire to meet or talk by phone on the form or just request a meeting at any time!

Parent Education Evening

On Tuesday evening, November 5, we will offer a short parent educational evening which will address *Early Literacy*.

We will briefly explain the Language and Literacy section of our Progress Report and then proceed to stations which will offer games, activities and ideas you can use at home to help your child learn and grow in literacy. Look for a flyer in your child's cubby and an invite in your inbox mid-October!

Tuition

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Tuition payments are due and should be made AT SCHOOL. You can either drop your payment in the Tuition Payment mailbox, located on the post outside the entry doors, or by mail. NO CASH, PLEASE!

Little Caesar Pick-up

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Little Caesars order pick-up from 6:00 - 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. There will be no alternate pick-up date. Please remember to either deliver these orders that evening or have space ready in your freezer. Little Caesars needs to be refrigerated or frozen shortly after receiving. We do not have room at school to store orders that were not picked up.

Fall Family Fun Fest

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Our Fall Family Fun Day is on Sunday, October 20, beginning times on the hour 1, 2, or 3 PM.

Invitations and reservation forms will be sent home through your child's cubby the first week of October. You may have noticed that we asked you to choose a time slot when you register. We are hoping this will help with over-crowding during the event, as well as any parking issues. Please don't forget to make your reservation by Tuesday, October 8 if you'd like to join the fun! We can't wait to see you there!

An email will be coming soon to invite you and family members to volunteer. Please remember these events require many volunteers or they don't happen. Volunteers can be mom, dad, grandma, an uncle, or an older sibling! If you are able or would like to help at the event check your email for a Sign Up Genius invite or email VP Events Chair, Amy Schneider at (schneideramyn@gmail.com) or Carly Lambert at (Carly.Lambert@lsrlaw.com).

Absences

Please remember to CALL WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT AND STATE THE REASON FOR THE ABSENCE. 513.941.7254

Yankee Candle Fundraiser

Yankee Candle orders will be sent home through school before Thanksgiving. If you have any questions please contact Kelly Fitz (keaganfitz5@gmail.com) or Lauren Eagan (lne611@gmail.com).

Spring Carnival

As Christmas approaches, we know you're probably looking to clean out those closets and playrooms. Please think of donating your new or gently used stuffed animals and "happy meal" type toys to us for the Spring Carnival. You can leave your items in Mrs. DePaoli's office. If you have any questions about what to donate or about the Carnival in general, please feel free to contact Amy Schneider at schneideramyn@gmail.com or Angela Durepo at aedurepo@gmail.com.

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Top ten rules for raising kids...

advice for parenting by Shawn Brady, author of
You Are What You Decide: Eight Keys to Better Decision-Making

Parenting requires constant and sometimes excruciatingly difficult decision-making. A parent can ease this burden by adopting a set of simple, resolute beliefs.

This decision-making strategy is common in business. A set of “core beliefs” acts as a super-set of criteria used to test any corporate decision, from the simplest to the most complex.

Shawn offers one such set of beliefs for parental decision-making. It is not offered as *the* model but as *a* model for such beliefs. Using this, or any set of beliefs which both parents decide upon, as their CORE belief system to make all decisions will make all decisions much easier to make.

Top ten rules for raising kids:

- Love them to death but never, ever indulge them.
- From the youngest age, help them to master something productive because if you don't, they are sure to master something unproductive (i.e., all children distinguish themselves in some way!)
- Read to them constantly and have a home full of good books, journals and magazines.
- Invest regularly in your marriage because a healthy marriage will make you a better parent.
- Teach them to love, respect and revere their grandparents.
- Model deferred gratification, flexibility and creativity.
- Never capitulate to aspects of the culture you do not believe are healthy, regardless of the effort required.
- Expect good behavior from your children, and behave well yourself.
- Admit when you've made mistakes and accept feedback from your kids.
- Realize that child rearing is a life-long learning opportunity...for you, the parent!