



Message from Mrs. G

The crisp fall mornings are here! Yippee! While the spring and summer of 2020 found many of us living differently than in years past, I feel so happy (and relieved) that the fall, and the opening of school at Creative, feels just as it has in the past 50 years. Children are immersing themselves in friendships, play and

learning! Our playground is once again surrounded by vibrant fall colors and lots of falling walnuts! The children are joyous, resilient and actively engaged in every aspect of our school! It is such a refreshing and rewarding community to be a part of. We are truly blessed!

A huge THANK YOU to Lauren Eagan and Anna Ritter for organizing our fundraiser! It takes lots of work to make this all happen and they give constantly without hesitation! Thank you also to all who supported our fundraiser! Your support is paramount and appreciated beyond measure!

Please make sure to sign up and volunteer for YOUR ONE HOUR CLEANING COMMITMENT! You should have received an email from your room parent about this! The link to the sign up genius can be found here...

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084fa8ad2da5f49-creative>

A FEW NOTES FROM OUR DIRECTOR!

-Baskets!!!! We are planning to have a BLACK FRIDAY sale! Our Parent Board intends to sell chances for the raffle baskets planned for our postponed 2020 Carnival. Chances will be sent home later this month. Winners will be drawn on Black Friday. Please send in any new or gently used baskets you have by October 15th.

-Timely arrivals: Our classes share spaces. This means we run on a tight clock. Your child is welcome to arrive 10 minutes before their class start time. Please ensure that your child arrives during this ten minute time frame!

-We are no longer in need of toilet paper rolls! Thank you for all the donations!



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

10/14	Dream Maker Farm-mobile petting zoo
10/15	Tuition Due
Week of 10/19 – Little Caesar's Pick Up (more info to come)	
10/28	Halloween Party MW
10/29	Halloween Party TTh
10/30	Halloween Party MWF, TThF & Friday Friends
11/3	No School
11/4	Picture Day MW & MWF
11/5	Picture Day TTh & TThF
11/6	Picture Day Friday Friends

A Message from the Parent Board

The Parent Board, along with the teachers and staff, brainstormed ways to facilitate a fun and safe Fall Family Fun Fest for the children. With continued Coronavirus concerns, the desire to keep cohorts together and the need to limit the number of people gathered, we were unable to devise a plan that would allow all families to enjoy the true experience of Fall Family Fun Fest without losing the spirit of the event. Unfortunately, because of this, we will be canceling this event that was originally scheduled for Sunday, October 18.

In lieu of this cancellation, we will translate some of the Fall Family Fun Fest activities into classroom activities so the children can have a fun, sensory filled week leading up to Halloween.

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In addition, due to Coronavirus concerns and safety measures, the children will not be doing a costume parade and singing for their family and friends as part of their Halloween parties. Again, we are coming up with creative ways for the kids to celebrate Halloween and wear their costumes during the school day. Please see the Halloween Guidelines below for additional information.

Please feel free to reach out to Allison if you have any questions.

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Halloween Guidelines

The day of their Halloween Party, the children will be invited to wear their costumes to school. They may also bring a treat to share with their class.

Please keep these 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 in the classroom. Please leave them at home.
- Gym shoes are required at school! Leave those princess heels at home!
- 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.



News from Three's



October is a busy month for us! We will be discussing the Fall season and observing all the changes this time of year brings. See above for the Halloween guidelines.

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 the important social skills of taking turns and sharing. We will be creating some special Fall/Halloween art projects to decorate your house all while learning 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 30. Please read the guidelines on page 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



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 guidelines can be found on page 2. Please read the guidelines so that the day can be as happy as possible for the children!

4's MONTHLY FOCUS

Letters...	B, H, M
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 our petting zoo and we look forward to a visit from Mr. Goldie in a few weeks.

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 in our Science table along with some Halloween themed STEAM activities!

We will also celebrate Halloween with a party on October 30. Halloween information and reminders can be found on page 2. Please read the guidelines so that the day can be as happy as possible for the children.

PREK MONTHLY FOCUS

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

News from Art

At our first meeting, which took place on October 2 and 3, the Fours and PreK children learned a bit about the famous artists Joan Miro and Henri Matisse. Following the inspiration of our artists' style, we made collages using brightly colored shapes and black line. Each child then gave his or her artwork a title. The children's masterpieces will be up in the front hallway *Art Gallery* for the children and visitors to admire the first full week of October!

News from Motor Skills and Music

This month in music class we will be learning about beat and rhythm. The beat is a steady and regular pulse in the music. Like your heartbeat, it just keeps pounding along. Sometimes it's a fast beat, or a slow beat,(tempo) but it stays steady and regular. The beat is the heart of music.



We will introduce the concept of rhythm and learn about 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 singing songs, listening to music, using body percussion and rhythm sticks!

Keeping You Informed – Progress Reporting

The week of October 26 expect to find an envelope in your child's cubby with a Goal Sheet and signature form stating that you have received child's Progress Report.

The Progress Report will be emailed to each family in the Fall before or on the day this envelope comes home, 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 6.

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

Save the Date! On Wednesday evening, November 18, we will offer a short parent educational evening. We are working with the Parent Board to pick a topic for this evening. Stay tuned for further details!

Please be sure to check out our website for the latest news & calendar updates and "Like" us on Facebook.



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