



Happy Halloween

Dear Parents,

Here we are starting our second full month together and your children are busy learning all the teachers' names and faces, as well as making those first vulnerable moves toward friendship. It is truly some of the best times and we're happy you're here!

October is Safety Month & we've practiced our first Fire and Duck & Cover Drills. As we move into fall & cooler days, we will be talking a lot about pumpkins. Our own garden areas will be filled with 100 plump little pumpkins for "Pick a Pumpkin" days. We would also like to thank Mrs. Raquel Campbell (our Nutrition Teacher) and Mrs. Judi Jack, (Friendly Fish Lead teacher) for bringing in the pumpkins from "The Produce Guy" down the street.

Our classrooms have a lot of activity going on. They aren't quiet, and your children are up doing things. Developmentally appropriate classrooms differ from your traditional grade-school classrooms where children sit at desks and listen quietly as a teacher explains the lessons for the day. Research and experience tell us that to be effective with young children, teaching practices need to be "developmentally appropriate." What this means is that educators need to think first what young children are like, and then create an environment and experiences that are in tune with children's characteristics. Research has also shown that children 3-6 learn far better through direct interactive experiences. They learn extraordinary amounts through play and exploration. Based on such knowledge about what children of this age are like, we design our program to fit them. It works a lot better than trying to redesign children!

A developmentally appropriate program like ours is age-appropriate, but that's not all. To make the program a good place for every child, we gear our classrooms and curriculum to the families involved. We're eager to learn as much as we can about each child's family, cultural background, past experiences & current circumstances. With this knowledge we can create a program that is relevant and interesting and fits the children and families we serve.

Happy Halloween & Be Safe!

God's blessings to you and your family,

Karen Wilson



HALLOWEEN is a fun time of dress-up & pretend around FUMPS! Each class will be carving a **GIANT** jack-o-lantern and having a classroom party. Look for the poster when you sign your child in asking for healthy, festive, holiday snacks, 100% juice, party cups & napkins to add to the fun of the celebration. Remember, **NO PEANUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER**, tree nuts or tree nut butter can be brought to school for snacks, party treats, or in lunch boxes. This year we are asking for commercially prepared snacks and treats only. This is very important. Thanks for helping us out!



Thank You to all our families that lent their support through our Fall Fundraisers. The children look so cute in their T-Shirts and Sweatshirts. The Kids R 1st was great! We really appreciate all that you do for our PreSchool.

Reminder:

Early Morning Drop Off: M-F 7:40-8:40
\$10/Day

Lunch Bunch: T-F 12:00-2:00pm
\$15/Day

Extended Day: T-F 12:00-3:30pm
\$25/day



Donation List:

Thank You SO much to the following:
Emma's mom (PP) for Paper Towels & Goldfish Crackers:
Corinne's mom (PP) for Cheez-It Crackers: Adam's mom (LL) for Markers, Crayons, Glue sticks and bottles: Violet's mom (CK) for Graham Crackers and Goldfish: Imani's mom (FF) for Rice Krispy Treats, Applesauce and Toilet paper: Eliza's parents (BB) for Cheez- It Crackers & Yogurt: Liberty's parents (PP) for Kleenex: Edison's parents (BB) for Halloween pretzels: Sonora & Bea's parents (BB) for paper towels, Clorox wipes and hand Sanitizer: Little Rascal Parents for Goldfish, Cheez-its, Clorox Wipes, soap, M&M's and Gummy Bears: Ellary's mom (FF) for Hippea Chickpea snacks.

We are so grateful for any and all donations of snacks and supplies to help support our school. Your child's teacher will fill out the "Donations from Parents" sheet in Mrs. Kern's office each time you bring something in. Then look for your name in the newsletter!

A very special Thank you to Mr. Tony Vasquez-husband of Mrs. Vasquez in our Playful Pups Room. He went to Home Depot and bought bags of dirt to fill around a tree in the playground to help us park our bikes safely. Thank you Mr. Vasquez!!!



A Halloween Poem:

In the starry dark
Of the autumn sky,
A ghost-shaped cloud
Went drifting by.

That cloudy ghost
Looked down to see
A kid-shaped shadow
That belonged to me.

My shadow and the cloud
Gave each other quite a fright.
Then we shared a laugh together
On a Halloween night.

By Helen H. Moore



- 3 Blaze Pizza Family Dinner Night Out
- 5 & 6 Fire Truck Visits 9:30-11:00
- 18 & 19 Pick-A-Pumpkin
- 19 & 20 Lizard Wizard
- 25 & 26 Fire Drill 11AM
- 27 & 28 Halloween Parties & Parades 11:30
- 31 Happy Halloween!!

Happy October Birthdays to...

Playful Pups

- Corinne Graves 10/17
- Dylan Stump 10/25

Cute Kittens

- Isla Manning 10/15
- Stella Maroufkhani 10/20
- Jase Averill 10/21
- Woodrow Thompson 10/23

Little Rascals

- Tommy Gutierrez 10/10

Brave Bears

- Finley McLeish 10/22



Hats Off to our Little Rascals Teachers...

Mrs. Lisa Skiver decided right after high school that she wanted to work with young children. Once she began taking classes at RCC, she knew this was her calling and that the preschool age was her age group. Lisa has worked at Temple Beth El Preschool for 8 years, UCR Child Development Center for 3 years and then while her two boys Ryan, now graduated from college, and Jacob, now in college, attended FUMPS, she began subbing for us. She believes a preschool that is safe, values play, encourages children to be themselves and allows them to experiment with their own creativity is a great introduction into a school setting. A good preschool sets the foundation for a positive school experience and teaches confidence and respect. Lisa wants her classroom to be fun and creative. She enjoys color and her classroom reflects positive energy and excitement. She encourages parent involvement and nurtures that same enthusiasm in her families. This is Mrs. Skiver's 16th year with FUMPS. Born in Anaheim, Lisa's family moved to Riverside where she graduated from La Sierra High School and met her husband Aaron of 26 years. Her life is filled with home, family, and activities her sons are involved in.

Katie Inman is now in her 3rd year at FUMPS this year and we are excited to have her. Katie is a mom of three amazing boys, 22, 20, and 16 years old. She has been married to Blake for 25 years. A Riverside native Katie went to Castle View Elementary, Gage Middle School, and Poly High School. Then she went to RCC for Early Childhood Studies. Katie worked at KinderCare for 6 years in all the different classes and ended up teaching Kindergarten just before she had her first child. She is now looking forward to another great year in the Little Rascals Class with Mrs. Skiver. Teaching has always been her passion and with two kids in College it seemed like the ideal time to come back to the classroom.