



# 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 110 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



### Preschool Roster

The roster is a listing of all families in our preschool this year. It is given out to help you get in touch with other families that your child may like to play with. **It is not to be used for any other purposes!** If you do not want your name and phone number in this roster, please let Mrs.

Sisco in the office know. If you have a business you would like to advertise in our roster, \$5.00 will buy you a business card size space. The dead line is October 29<sup>th</sup>.



Welcome baby Wesley Kronquist! Preston's little brother was born on September 3rd, 2021 at 2:45am. He came into this world weighing 7lbs and 15oz. and 20.5 inches



**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!**





### Donation List:

Thank You SO much to the following:

**Emery's mom Heidi** for donating crackers & cookies; **Alexandra's parents Robert & Jennifer** for donating 16 rolls of paper towels; **Violet's mom Kim** for donating 5 packs of disinfecting wipes; **Ava's mom Adrienne** for donating Hand-Made Finger Puppets for each student; **Alexandra's mom Jennifer** for donating goldfish; **River's mom Danielle** for donating Bunny fruit snacks & a crate of beautiful peaches; **Zoe's mom Joana** for donating Hand Soap and **JP's dad Austin** for donating fruit snacks; **Jacob's mom Amy** for donating Paper Towels; **Neil's mom Susana** for donating Paper Towels and **Alijah's mom Roxann** for donating Medical Supplies for school!

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. Sisco's office each time you bring something in. Then look for your name in the newsletter!



### 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



19 & 22  
28 & 29



costume!

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Happy Halloween!!

### Happy October Birthdays to...

Brave Bears

Stella Maroufkhani	10/20	10
Jase Averill	10/21	
Woodrow Thompson	10/23	
Ava Olario	10/31	

Playful Pups

Tommy Gutierrez	10/10
Barrett Juarez	10/10
Easton deGroot	10/24



Lucky Ladybugs

Ethan Markham	10/11
Oskar Gray	10/15
Mazie Manning	10/29

### 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 25 years. Her life is filled with home, family, and activities her sons are involved in.

**Katie Inman** is now in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at FUMPS this year and we are excited to have her. Katie is a mom of three amazing boys, 21, 19, and 15 years old. She has been married to Blake for 24 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.