

Dew Drops

*A tiny little newsletter from Gentle Rain

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Dear Family and Friends,

Wow, what a beautiful Autumn day! Mr. Tree has been explaining to the children that summer is over and his green leaves will be changing colors and that they won't make as much sugar as his green ones.

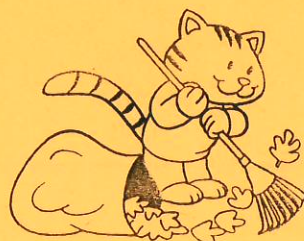
The children have been busy looking for the signs outside that tell them that fall is here. Some of the children have brought fall items in to share, but we are waiting for the leaves to turn colors with the cooler temperatures.

We were very busy during the month of September. We learned to be bucket fillers and not dippers to follow new rules and directions that allow for group activities to flow smoothly. During the month of September we introduced the letters "M" "F", and "L" the numbers zero, one, shape, circle as well as the color red.

The Strausstown Fire Company will also be visiting the preschool on October 10th and October 11th. Smile, the children will be getting their pictures taken on October 2nd and 3rd. Kids Stuff Coupon books will also be available for purchases this month. Gentle Rain will also be hosting their annual Sandwich Sale Fund-raiser on November 14th money from the sale are used to buy new items or to replace broken or worn out items.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Miss Pam at school at 610-488-0509 (before or after school is best), or at home at 717-933-5776 after school hours.

-The Staff at Gentle Rain



October

Checklist

- Picture Day: 2nd and 3rd
- Scholastic Book orders due Friday, October 6th
 - Pay Tuition
 - Sell sandwiches
- Kids Stuff Coupon Books
- Eye Exam Card

October News

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY,
OCTOBER, 9TH

Berks County Association for the Blind: Eye Exams

We will be holding a free eye exam. The test will take place on Monday, October 16th and Tuesday, 17th. Please fill out the yellow permission card and return it. If your child does not attend either of these days please use the sign-up sheet next to the cubbies to sign-up your child.

We hope all our preschool families will take advantage of this opportunity. Each year since we have been holding the eye screening there have been at least two children who have had very limited vision in one or both of their eyes. Parents have said in the past that their children have had eye exams with their family doctor, so did these children. The greatest moment was when one little boy received his glasses and remarked that trees have leaves.

Again, this is a free eye exam and we encourage all parents to take advantage of it.

Sunflowers



Last year for Earth Day the children planted sunflower seeds. If you stop by the bulletin board outside of the class room you will be able to see one of the children's sunflowers growing to the sky. Please have your child bring in a photo with their sunflower to be placed on the bulletin board so we can see how big their sunflower grew, Thank you.

Scholastic Book Club

Book orders are due on October 6th this month. Please place your order forms and money in an envelope with your child's name on it. If you wish to pay by check, please make checks payable to SCHOLASTIC.

Starting this month parents may now place their book orders online at scholastic.com/parentordering using access code: DXT6Y

Picture Days: October 2nd and 3rd

Pictures will be taken on Monday and Tuesday during school. We encourage everyone to be a part of his or her class picture. An individual picture will be taken along with a class picture.

Professional School Photography will take this year's pictures. Order forms will be available for your convenience. If your child does not attend either day arrangements may be made for them to come one of the days.

Samples of pictures will be displayed on the sign-up board in the hallway. If you have any questions please call. Also, parent volunteers will be needed to help with the photograph fill out forms.



Fire Safety

The Strausstown Fire Company will present a program on fire safety on Tuesday, October 10th, and Wednesday, October 11th. During classroom time we will also be learning about fire drills and how each family should have a designated place to meet in case of a fire. The children will also be practicing stop, drop, and roll, and about when to call 911.



Classroom Info

Reminders:

Information change: If any of your information has changed, such as phone numbers and contact people, please let us know so we can update your records.

Labels: If you have not yet done so now is the time to label the items your child brings to school such as lunch boxes, backpacks, and coats or sweatshirts. Masking tape with their name on is fine if you do not want to write on your child's belongings.

Clothes: If your child comes home in clothes from the preschool because of an accident during the day, please return the clothes as soon as possible so it is available for others.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Absence

If your child will be absent from school due to illness or otherwise, please notify us. Otherwise we will be waiting for your child's arrival.
Thank you.

Enrollment for Next Year

Applications for enrollment for the next school year (2018-2019) have been coming in weekly. If you would like your child to attend Gentle Rain next year please register soon if you have not already done so. We would very much like to accommodate the families that currently have children enrolled (morning classes are almost full). Applications can be found on top of the cubbies or by asking one of the staff. Please share this information with your friends.

Anyone interested may also call the office at 610-488-0509 or Miss Pam at 717-933-5776 for more information. Thank you.

Sandwich Sale Fundraiser

Gentle Rain will be holding its annual Sandwich Sale on Tuesday, November 14th. Order forms will be sent home on October 16th. Four kinds of sandwiches will be available: turkey, ham, roast beef, four cheese, and Italian. The cost will be \$5.00 a sandwich. Pretzel sandwiches will also be offered for \$5.00 a sandwich. Deadline for orders will be November 9th. Sandwiches should be picked up on November 14th at 10:00 unless otherwise specified. Tuesday morning parents may pick up sandwiches at 9:00 or 11:30, and Tuesday afternoon parents may pick them up at 12:30.

All sandwich money is due by Friday, November 17th.

All money from the sale goes directly to our classroom. If each family sells just 10 sandwiches, we will have a great sale.

Volunteers will be needed to help sort the sandwiches and hand them out. Look for a sign up sheet in the hallway by the cubbies.

*Seaman's Country Store will be making the sandwiches early that morning.



ALL REQUESTS MUST BE WRITTEN DOWN!

Whenever making a request please write it down. It is very hard to remember a request that we are told when you are dropping off or picking up your child. Requests can also be written on the white board. Thank you!

KIDS STUFF

Once again several parents have asked if we would make KID STUFF coupon books available. Our annual fundraiser however is our sandwich sale which will be held in November.

What is KID STUFF? A savings coupon book that will be available to purchase at preschool during the month of October for the cost of \$25.00. KID STUFF coupon books can be found on the hall table, if interested please fill out the KID STUFF TEACHER LIST. If you would like a Kid Stuff book from another county just let me know, they can be ordered. To sign out a coupon book check the appropriate space and fill out the books ID# found on the back cover. If you choose not to purchase it, return it and check the return space. To purchase make checks payable to Pam Zimmerman. Sell five KID STUFF books and receive a free book.

The coupon book sale will wrap up on October 23rd.

Any question, please direct them to Ms. Cathy Jo.



Thank you!



WHAT HAPPEN AT ZION

Welcome Rev. Dr. Jon Fogle

Interim Pastor



OCT. 1-WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Bingo—Friday, October 6th

Food Pantry-Thursday, October 19th

OCT. 22- Hygiene & School Kits

OCT. 22- Smokey Bear BBQ

OCT.29- Apple Dumpling Sale

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Boxed Stuffing Mix

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Turkey Gravy

Canned Yams

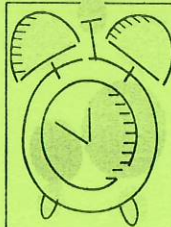


Canned Veggies (green beans, corn, peas)

Cornbread Mix

Pumpkin Pie or Fruit Filling

Boxed Pie Crust Mix



Daylight savings time ends November 5th.

Strausstown Fire Company

Breakfast

Sunday October 8th.



Themes for October

October is Fire Safety month. The Strausstown Fire Department will be coming to Gentle Rain to talk with the children about Fire Safety. Throughout the month we will be reviewing all that they have learned about Fire Safety.

Mr. Tree will be telling the children about the change in seasons so your child may want to bring in items that tell us that it is fall for their show & tell which

October 2nd-6th

Letter "A"

"Apple Annie "

"The Icky Sticky Anteater"

Auntie"

"Achoo!"

"Hey Little Ant"

Color: Triangle, Frog
Street Press

Number: 3, Frog Street
Press

"Autumn's First Leaf"

#3 Farm



NO SCHOOL OCTOBER 9TH

October 10th-13th

Letter "C"

"Cathy Cook"

"Corduroy Bear"

Puppet Show: "Curly
Caterpillar"

Color: Yellow, Frog
Street Press

Number: 4, Frog Street
Press

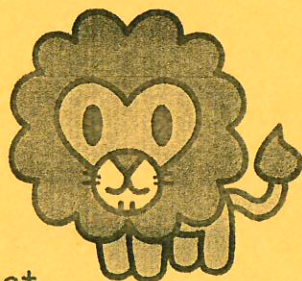
"Color of His Own"

"Clara Caterpillar"

"When I Grow-up"

"Cowboys Be Kind"

FSP-"Elmo Sorts Buttons"



October 16th-20th

Letter "S"

"Silly Snake"

"Because of a Sneeze"

FSP-"Sorting Shoes"

Puppet Show: "Spotty
Snake"

Shape: Square Frog
Street Press

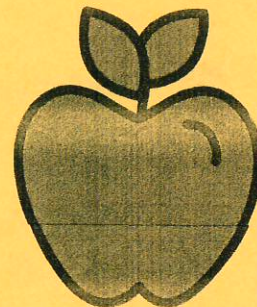
"Spookley the Square Pumpkin"

Number: 5, Frog Street Press

"Splendid Friend Indeed"

"Be Fair and Share!"

"Pick A Circle Gather Square"



October 23th-27th

Letter "N"

"Nellie Nurse"

"Five Little Bats Flying in The Night"

Puppet Show: "Noisy Newt"

"Who Is Out"

"The Napping House"

Review: Numbers & Colors

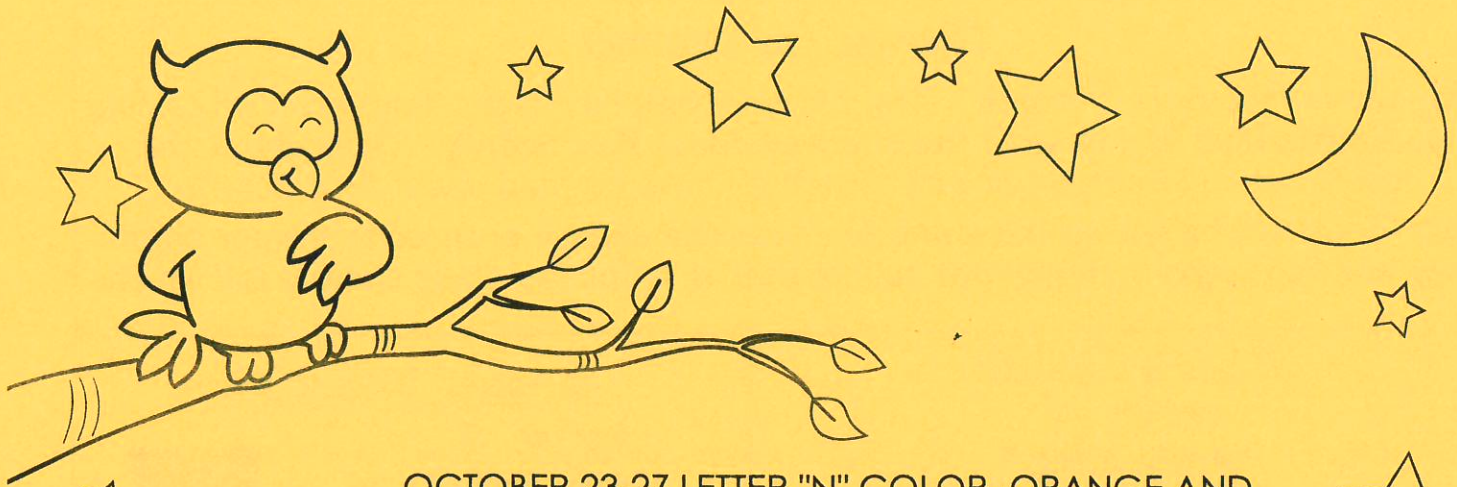
"Little Owls Night"

"Who Out At Night?"

Review Numbers

FSP-"Can Gus Jump Over It?"

Oct. 23rd-27th During this week the children may dress as one of their favorite characters from a Nursery Rhyme. We will be working on Nursery Rhymes this week with the children for the Letter "N". More information to come.



OCTOBER 23-27 LETTER "N" COLOR- ORANGE AND REVIEW NUMBERS. "NELLIE NURSE" "FIVE LITTLE BATS FLYING IN THE NIGHT", "CAN GUS JUMP OVER IT?" PUPPET SHOW -"NOISET NEWT" "WHO IS OUT TONIGHT?" "LITTLE OWL'S NIGHT" OCTOBER 23-27TH ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO DRESS-UP AS A NURSERY RHYME CHARACTER THIS WEEK MAY DO SO.

IDEAS FOR NURSERY RHYME WEEK

HEY, DIDDLE, DIDDLE – CAT AND FIDDLE, COW AND MOON, DOG ETC.

THREE KITTENS- CAT WITH MITTENS

PUSSY CAT, PUSSY CAT- CAT WITH MOUSE

WEE WILLIE WINKIE- NIGHTGOWN AND NIGHT CAP POSSIBLE LIGHT.

TO MARKET, TO MARKET- LITTLE BOY WITH PIG.

OLD WOMAN AND THE SHOE- WOMAN WITH SHOE.

JACK AND JILL- BOY OR GIRL WITH PAIL.

DIDDLE, DIDDLE, DUMPLING – LITTLE BOY WITH TEDDY, PJ's AND SNEAKERS ON.

LITTLE BO-PEEP - GIRL WITH SHEEP ETC.

LITTLE MISS MUFFET- GIRL WITH SPIDER.

LITTLE JACK HORNER- BOY WITH PLUM.

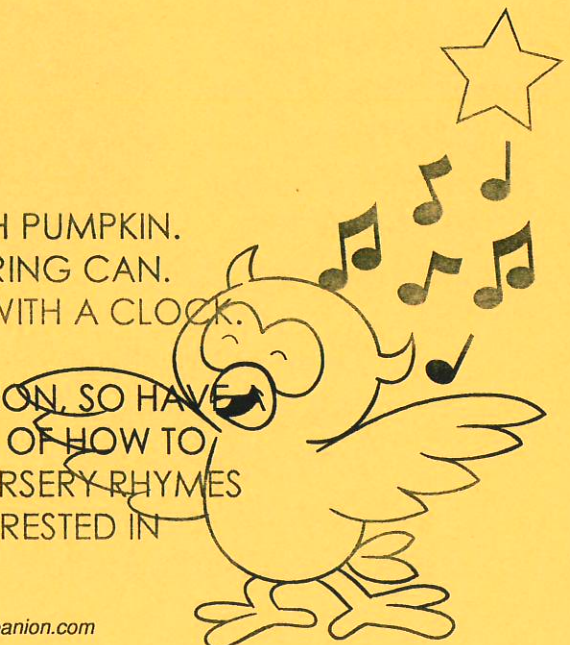
JACK BE NIMBLE- BOY WITH CANDLE.

PETER, PETER, PUMPKIN EATER – BOY WITH PUMPKIN.

MISTRESS MARY – LITTLE GIRL WITH WATERING CAN.

HICKORY, DICKORY, DOCK – A MOUSE WITH A CLOCK.

YOUR ONLY LIMITED BY YOUR IMAGINATION, SO HAVE A GREAT TIME COMING UP WITH AN IDEAS OF HOW TO ILLUSTRATE ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE NURSERY RHYMES CHARACTER, IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING THAT IS OK.





SHOW-&-TELL

"Children's Teaching Time"

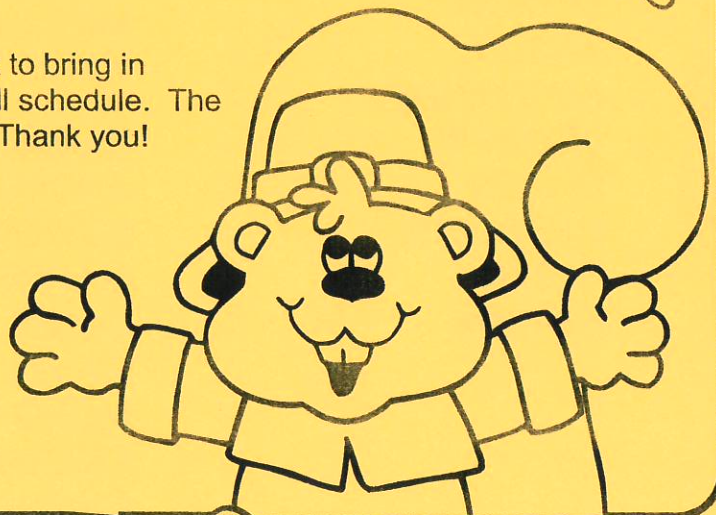
Why do we have "Show-and-Tell"? When children are encouraged to bring things from home, they begin to understand that each one of them is a "teacher" with something to help others learn. As they share something of themselves with others, they gain confidence in becoming the focus of the group's attention. They practice speaking skills, they find out that others are interested in them, they discover there are things they know about, they feel good about themselves, and they feel good about doing it. We need to discourage children from bringing weapons, war toys, action figures and trinkets from fast-food restaurants. "What's left"?

Here are some suggestions:

- *Something found in nature such as; wildflowers, acorns, seeds, driftwood, shells, and pinecones.
- *A living thing like; a worm, pet bird, tadpoles, a caterpillar, a vegetable plants, or a house plant.
- *Exotic or little-known food items (perhaps that the children could tastes).
- *A safe tool such as; an eggbeater, an orange squeezer, a garlic press, a hand drill, a fountain pen, or a pencil sharpener. A tool is anything used by hand to cause something to happen.
- *A photo from a newspaper, a magazine, a book or a snapshot. Items children have made themselves such as; drawings, paintings, clay sculptures, collages, homemade hats, or other craft items.
- *Items with an unusual texture, smell, or taste.
- *An item that is "scientific" (magnifying glass) or "historical" (postcard of an old for or places you have visited).

We hope this will help you with what to bring for Show-and-Tell. IF possible please have it start with the "Letter of the Week" found on the calendar or in the Dew Drops.

*This year your child will have one day per week to bring in Show-and-Tell. Please check the Show-and-Tell schedule. The same schedule will be used for the entire year. Thank you!



SHOW AND TELL LIST

Monday AM

ALYRIA
BROOKE
ADRIAN
NICO
ROSE
BRYNN B.
GABRIEL
TESSA
SAVANNAH

Monday PM

ASHTYN
ANDREA H.
AXEL
ADALYNN B.
ALANA
BENJAMIN
JULIANA
BODIN
CODY

Tuesday AM

LOGAN
BRYSON
ANSLEY
MACKENZIE
BRYNN W.
CADEN
CHARLOTTE
DUSTIN
KEATON

Tuesday PM

ALIYA
ANYA
HENRY
JOHN CONOR
MADELEINE K.
TREVOR
LAYLA L.
JORDAN
MORGAN B.

Wednesday AM

ADDYSON
ALEXANDER
CHARLIE
JULIAN
ALLISTAIR
BRANDON
KAITLYNN
KEVIN
TRINITY

Wednesday PM

JERIAH
NORA
JOSEPH L.
SUMMER
SAMUEL
AUDRA M.
MICHAEL V.
WYATT

Thursday AM

ANDREW B.
BOWEN
GANNON
CALLIE
GAVIN
MORGAN M.
KAICEN
GWENDOLYN
OWEN

Thursday PM

AUTUMN
GENEVIEVE
JOSEPH W.
MICHAEL B.
SARAH
LANDEN
MASON
RAYMOND
SUTTON

Friday AM

ALEXIS
CALEB
CASSIDY
CHRIS
ELLIEE
PAIGE
SAANVI
WILHELM
MOLLY

Friday PM

HANNA
HARPER
AUBREY P.
AVA P.
BARRETT H.
LAYLA G.
RYLAN
ROMAN
SERENITY

SNACK CALENDAR

October 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 "A" FSP-"WE CAN FILL" #3 TRIANGLE	2 CLASS PICTURES "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" BRYNN W.	3 CLASS PICTURES "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" BRYNN W.	4 ALEXANDER	5 ANDREA H.	6 BOOK ORDERS DUE	7 FIRE COMPANY BREAKFAST SUNDAY
8 "C" FSP-ELMO SORTS BUTTONS" #4 YELLOW	9 NO SCHOOL COLUMBUS DAY	10 FIRE COMPANY KEATON	11 FIRE COMPANY KEVIN	12 AUTUMN	13 "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" AUBREY P.	14
15 "S" FSP-"CLASSIFY YOUR SHOES" #5 SQUARE	16 EYE SCREENINGS 10:00-12:45 "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" AVA P. "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" CASSIDY	17 EYE SCREENINGS 10:00-12:45 "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" HENRY	18 AXEL	19 BRYSON	20 ELLIEE	21 SMOKEY BEAR BBQ \$8.00 12-3PM OCT. 22 ZION
22 "N" FSP-"CAN GUS JUMP OVER IT!" REVIEW ORANGE	23 BENJAMIN	24 CADEN	25 BODIN	26 GABRIEL	27 HARPER	28 APPLE DUMPLING OCT. 29 OR 30 ZION
29 "I" FSP-"CLAP A PATTERN" #6 RECTANGLE	30 RYNN B.	31 DUSTIN	OCT. - 2ND & 3RD - CLASS PICTURES 8:30-1:00 6TH - BOOK ORDERS DUE 9TH - NO SCHOOL 10TH - 11TH - FIRE COMPANY COMES TO GENTLE RAIN 27 - KID STUFF COUPON BOOKS SALE ENDS. OCT. 23-27 - NURSERY RHYMENEWEEK YOU MAY DRESS-UP AS YOUR FAVORITE NURSERY RHYME ANY DAY THIS WEEK.			

