

# Dew Drops

## October 2023

Gentle Rain Preschool of Zion Blue Mt. U.C.C.

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or through the Brightwheel App

### Current Teachers Helping Little Minds Grow:

Ms. Carrie (Director)  
Ms. Jess  
Ms. Kimi  
Ms. Sharon  
Ms. Becca  
Ms. Rachel

### Important Reminders and Information:

- When calling your student off sick, please give us details of the illness. It is important to know the details especially with all the viruses going around. You may call, email, or message via Brightwheel.
- As the weather is getting colder, please be sure your child has a sweatshirt or jacket as we will go outside as long as it is not raining and above a 26-degree real feel temperature.

*October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Gentle Rain will be closed for  
Columbus Day*



**The Strausstown Fire Company  
will be visiting the preschool on  
October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10 am for Fire Safety  
Week. The children will learn about fire  
safety and equipment. If your student does  
not normally attend that day, they may  
come for the fire company visit. Please do  
not arrive before 9:55 am and an adult  
must stay with the student during the visit.**

# Fall Fundraiser Alerts!



Order forms for our Fall R&K Sub fundraiser will be going home in folders on 10/3 and 10/4. Order forms and payment will be due back on 10/23 and 10/24. Order pick up will be on 11/3 starting at a.m. preschool drop off. All funds raised will be going toward our new playground fence.

We are also doing our gift card fundraiser again this year. We had a lot of success with it last year. It will start in October and run until December. More information will be coming home in your student's folder. Funds raised will help with purchasing supplies and updating the playground toys and equipment.



## Fall Picture Days October 26th & 27th 2023

Order forms will be coming home in folders soon!

*Please note that even if you are not ordering school photos, every student's picture will be taken for the class photo.*

## Vision Screening 10/17 & 10/18

Vision screenings will be offered for all students through Vision Resource Center of Berks County. A permission slip will be sent home and will need to be returned by the above dates for the student(s) to receive the vision screening.

The screening is optional.

Vision health is super important. We all want our little learners to have great vision so they can excel and learn even more.



## Fall Harvest Celebrations

On 10/30 and 10/31 we will have our Fall Harvest Celebrations in each of our classrooms. If you would like to volunteer to help those days or to bring a special snack for our students to enjoy, please let Ms. Carrie and Ms. Jess know.

Thank you!

## Important Health and Safety Reminder

We have families who have medically fragile members in their home. What might be a minor illness for us or your student could quickly become dangerous for those high-risk family members. Please make sure you are assessing your student's health each morning before school and if they are not feeling their best, please keep them home. Make sure you are familiar with our handbook policies on Health and Safety as well.

In order to help keep everyone healthy and at school we are also asking everyone to have their student wash their hands before entering the classrooms each morning. The Prek class can use the men's and women's restroom in the hallway. We do also have our classroom bathroom that can also be used. Be mindful that there is only one sink in that bathroom though. The ¾ year old class can use their bathrooms just outside their classroom.

Thank you so much for helping to keep everyone safe, healthy, and learning this school year!!



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