

The Bear Facts for October 2011



Dear Parents,

Fall, believe it or not, is in the air and in our room! Please take a minute to explore the changes this beautiful new season creates! Busy activities will be coordinated around "Fall", "Fire Safety", "#2", "#3", "Colors", "Shapes", "Ee", "Ee", "Ff", and "Halloween. Be sure to check the **Parent Corner** for **October's Special Snacks**, a **Field Trip** sign up for the **Fire Station** and the **Mahaffey Theatre**, **Parent Helpers**, and a special ghost guessing game activity just for you--- "Boo Who"!

This month we will be cutting lots of letters and shapes as we work on developing those **fine motor skills**. **Scissor safety** will be encouraged as well! Below are a few ideas to help reinforce this all important skill:

- 1) Purchase a pair of child-safety scissors/blunt point. **Fiscars** are great scissors!
- 2) Cut paper strips in various colors (maybe in Fall or Halloween colors) and make a chain!
- 3) Cut simple shapes in various sizes---begin large!
- 4) Cut coupons from Sunday papers!
- 5) Ask your child how to carry scissors safely and how to hand them to someone safely.
- 6) Always use scissors only **under adult supervision**, then place in a **safe, secure place!**

*** We will need **gum wrappers**, of all kinds, in **November!** If you or anyone you know is a "gum chewer", please begin saving the wrappers! Bring them in any time! Thank you!!! ***

Our **first Field Trip** will be to the **Fire Station on Wednesday, 10-12!** Please have your child wear his/her **RDS t-shirt** and leave a **labeled car seat in the hall** where we dismiss. If you would like to drive, please check the sign-up! Seeing "Mother Goose Rhymes" at the **Mahaffey Theatre** will be our next **Field Trip, Monday, 10-24.** We are **only allowed 5 drivers** for this particular trip, so 18 children will need to fit into 5 cars! Again, have your child in their **RDS t-shirt** and **labeled car seat!** If we run a little late, please don't be alarmed. It is a **10:45 performance**, making it a tight fit to return to RDS by noon! **Please be here waiting!**

A visit to the **Riviera Pumpkin Patch** is always fun! We will be going **Friday, 10-21!** In order to purchase a small pumpkin, each child will need to bring in a **labeled envelope with \$1.00**, by **Wednesday, 10-19.**

Our **Halloween Party** will be **Monday, 10-31!!!** On this day, send your little one to school in costume, either over clothes or have a change of clothes in a separate bag to change into after Trick-or-Treating. **NO WEAPONS ALLOWED!** We have 4 enthusiastic mommies planning our party! If you would like to be a part, please contact **Kathy Sandlin!**

Our class books and activities are going home and being enjoyed by our families! **Thank you for encouraging a sense of pride as well as responsibility** when items go home! Your children are learning to be "patient" as they anxiously wait their turn!!! Sometimes it is **soooo** hard!

We send many, many "**bear hugs**" to all of you who have helped make "**Wish Bear's**" and our wishes **come true!** Thank you so much for your enthusiasm and contributions to our classroom needs! There are **some stars** left if you haven't had a chance to choose one! It is such a **HUGE help!!!** We promise each item or gift card will be put to good use as our year progresses!

This has been a wonderful beginning to a "**honey of a year!**"! Your little ones' **smiles, endless "bear hugs",** and "**1-2-3's**" make our day! Thank you for all your **support** and **trust** while allowing us to help your children settle into our classroom family.

You've made it through a "**beary**" busy month! Now relax after "Trick-or-Treating". Tuesday begins a whole new month!!! Remember, we are here for you **whenever you need us!**



Love and Bear Hugs!

Brenda and Shelley



