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Miss Marianne's October News

Hope this newsletter finds both parents and children happy and well adjusted to preschool. Below you will find information for this month.

- **BATHROOM / DROP OFF/PICK UP/ PROPER DRESS**

Please encourage your child to try to go to the bathroom before entering preschool. It is also important to make every effort to drop off and pick up your child on time. It is difficult for your child to get acclimated to the day's activities if you arrive late and it can be stressful for your child if you do not pick up on time. Please make sure you dress your child in comfortable clothes and shoes. Sneakers are preferable as we will be going into the gym and playing outside.

- **SNACK**

Every child will have the opportunity to bring in snack for the class. When your child is the snack helper they are also the classroom helper and it is their day to bring in "Show and Tell". In the event that your child's name is not on the October calendar their name will appear on November's calendar. Please speak to Miss Marianne as to the number of children in the class.

Some great snack ideas are:

fruit snacks raisins applesauce cheese and crackers plain cookies sandwiches yogurt pretzels
fresh/canned fruit vegetables and dip pudding Jello ice cream graham crackers cereal

Please save cupcakes, cakes and brownies for birthdays and special holidays. Please try to avoid any snacks that contain any type of nuts, as we have a number of children with nut allergies. **Always provide napkins, spoons and plates when necessary.** It is important to send your child with a drink daily and have it clearly marked with your child's name.

- **SWIMMING**

Swimming will begin the week of Monday, October 19th. Please speak to Miss Marianne as to the day your child will be swimming. Please understand that children must wear their **bathing suits under their clothes (girls wearing a two piece bathing suit makes bathroom time a lot easier)**. Each child will need to bring a bag or backpack (clearly marked) with a towel and underclothes. Please also send appropriate footwear for the pool, such as sandals, aqua shoes or slippers. Swim bags are to be left outside in the **tall, narrow** cubbies until swim time. Please make sure your child's name is on their bag.

Swimming is held the last half hour of class. On swim days, your child will get ready for swimming in the classroom. The teachers will then escort the children down to the pool and stay at pool-side, while the aquatic instructors teach class and the lifeguard supervises the pool. You must pick up your child down in the pool area at regular dismissal time. Prior to picking up your child at the pool, please stop by the classroom and pick up your child's swim bag, so you will be able to change your child after swimming. Please be advised that when you are down at the pool **no street shoes are allowed.** Children will not be dismissed in the pool hallway. Parents must come all the way in to the pool area. If you would like to observe swimming, please come down for the last 15 minutes of class only. If your child is not swimming you must pick up your child prior to the children leaving to go down to the pool.

- **HALLOWEEN PARTIES**

In the near future a notice will go out about the Halloween Parties. Along with a small Halloween party, each class will have the opportunity to trick or treat through the Y offices. The parties will be held on Thursday, October 29th for the Tuesday/Thursday classes and Friday, October 30th for the Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes.

- **PAYMENT**

Payment is always due the 1st of the month and is considered late after the 10th **regardless of what days your child attends school**. Unless we are notified **in advance** the Welcome Center will automatically add a \$20.00 late fee to your delinquent payment. We will be unable to make any changes once this is done. Should you foresee a problem, or cannot get in on time to make the payment, you must notify Pat Weiss prior to the payment due date. You will not receive monthly bills. Payments can be made at the Welcome Center any time the facility is opened. The fee for preschool is an annual fee that is broken down into convenient monthly payments. Please take note that we do offer financial assistance through our ACCESS Program. Your fees could be reduced should you apply and qualify.

- **PARKING**

When parking please be reminded that there is an additional parking lot located behind the ELKS parking lot on Prospect Street. Just follow the sidewalk around to the front of the building. Please do not park in the Elks or temple parking lot.

- **NO SCHOOL**

Please take note that there will be no school Monday, October 12th.