



# Playmates Learning Center Preschool

## October 2011



Dear Parents,

The month of September was awesome. We have made some great new friends and enjoyed seeing all of our returning preschoolers. Your children are delightful, funny and so eager to explore new things!

October begins with learning about fire safety. We will learn that fire fighters are our friends, Stop-Drop-and-Roll and what a fire drill is. We will be having a practice fire drill at school. We will discuss an escape route and where our school meeting place is in the event there is a fire at school. We hope that you can do the same with them at home. This is a good time to check your smoke detectors. We also hope to have a visit from the Sandown Fire Department!

As the month continues, we will be talking about the season of Fall. As the weather changes and gets cooler, we will discuss how people and animals prepare for the cooler temperatures. Please be sure to send proper outer-wear for outdoor play as we always LOVE to play outside. We will be talking about the "coat trick", which is a simple trick we use at school so the children can put on their own jackets without any help! They are so proud of themselves when they master this. Learning to zipper or button our jackets can really help too! Independence is a very important skill at this age! Thanks for helping us with this.

A few reminders for the month are: No School on Monday, October 17th (Columbus Day), book orders are due Wednesday, October 19th and "How and Tell" will be on October 20th and 21st. Our Preschool Parent's Night will be held on Wednesday, October 19th from 6:30 - 8:00. This is our opportunity to come and see how a typical day of school goes for your child. It is for parents only so we ask that your children remain at home. Please dress casual because we will be doing some fun projects. Please see the attached notice.

We will be having lots of Halloween fun as the month continues. This year our Halloween parties will be at Playmates Learning Center. Please see the attached notice about the halloween party and when your child will be participating. We always enjoy any "Halloween Goodies" you would like to send in for the party. If possible please label the snacks containing peanuts and/or tree nuts as we have several children with allergies.

We appreciate all your help, input and donations. Please feel free to address any concerns you may have about your child. You can reach us through e mail or by telephone. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children and have a great October.

Ms. Cregg, Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Dooley

## October Skills

Colors: Green, Orange

Numbers: 2, 3

Letters: B, C and D

Shape: Square

Listening Skills

Name Recognition

Observation Skills

Cutting Practice



## Things To Do AT Home

Play "I Spy" for squares.

Carve a Jack-O-Lantern.

Cook some pumpkin seeds.

Go for a Fall hike.

Observe the animals (birds and squirrels) preparing for the Winter.

Practice writing your name.

Practice putting on coats and zipping them.

