

October 2011



Rock Spring Reporter

From the office...

BOO!

We scared ya, didn't we?! No? Well, Halloween is still a few weeks away, so give us a little time to work on that.

It's finally starting to look like Fall around here (when you wipe all the rain out of your eyes, at least), and we are pretty darn excited. This time of year is not only packed with beautiful leaves, crisp air and talk of football rivalry, but it also marks the anniversary of our incredible school.

This October is our 3rd year here and we want to celebrate with all of **you**, the amazing families who make up our School community. On Friday, October 28th, we will be hosting our annual Founder's Day/Halloween Party. You will find details in the back few pages...trust us, you don't want to miss it!

In the meantime, we have lots of other exciting things to look forward to such as the upcoming field trips to Butler's Orchard for pumpkin picking! Here is the schedule of class trips:

- Tuesday, October 18th: Dragonflies & Butterflies
- Wednesday, October 19th: Otters & Turtles
- Thursday, October 20th: Ducks & Geese
- Friday, October 21st: Swans & Owls

As always, we need parent volunteers to help drive and chaperone. If you are able to do so, please sign up on the sheet outside your child's door. Not only is it an awesome field trip and a chance to spend quality time making memories with your child, but it's a great excuse to eat lunch at McDonald's. "Yes I had a Big Mac...I did it for the kids!"

Thank you parents for all you do to make our School such a happy place. We are thrilled to enjoy the month of October with you and can't wait for all the excitement in store.

-Carrie, Sandra & Erin

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Don't forget that parking in the drop off spots in front of the school is only available to those who display Rock Spring bumper magnets or window stickers on their cars. Please follow the traffic pattern that we have established to keep everyone safe (drive around the pond rather than parking backwards or turning around in the drop off lane).

Happy Birthday & Employment Anniversary to...



Happy Birthday...

Chamida 10/24

Happy Anniversary...

Dulari 6 years!	Asoka 3 years	Thamara 1 year
Sunilka 5 years!	Maria 3 years	Remona 1 year
Idalia 4 years	Chandi 3 years	Chris 1 year
Yessenia 4 years	Luiza 3 years	
Asha 3 years	Marie-Louise 2 years	

Guppies

Autumn marks the transition from summer to winter. This time of year is very beautiful with all the changing colors and we are all excited to enjoy the more temperate weather.

September was a fantastic month. The weather was very nice so we were able to go for stroller rides often.

We are so happy that we don't have to say goodbye to any of our babies, but we are excited to welcome a new Guppy, Daniel, and his family. We know they are going to feel right at home!

Riley is now the oldest baby in the classroom and she is so busy! She just learned how to crawl and reach for any toy she wants. Riley also pulls herself up whenever there is something she can hold on to. Riley is so sweet and is very talkative! She and Maya both love to read (or eat) books.

Our sweet little girl Maya is crawling well too! She has been very busy exploring the textures of the carpet and the tile floor. Last month she found

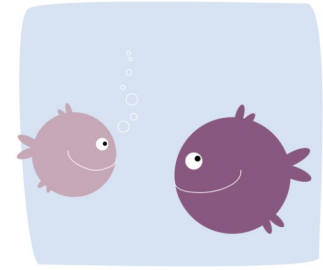
out she has teeth and she is very proud about that!

Maya is extremely independent and enjoys playing by herself sometimes. She is such a sweet and happy girl!

Nathan is doing great! He just started to eat his solid foods and is enjoying it very much. When we put him in the high chair for feeding he gets so excited and makes these really high pitched sounds. Nathan is also rolling and moving all over the mat! He is such a cute and happy boy.

Our sweet little boy Max is doing wonderfully. He loves to watch and follow Maya and Riley moving all over. Max loves to hear his name being called and he always welcomes anybody who comes to our room with a big smile. He just learned how to roll over and is so proud of himself! Max's favorite toys are the rattles because of the sounds they make. He is such a sweet and happy boy!

Our youngest baby boy is Matthew and he has adjusted so well to the Guppy room!



He loves to talk anytime there is a listener next to him. We only wish we could understand all he is telling us because we know he has so much to say! Matthew is a very sweet, happy boy.

Thank you so much for your participation in the Back to School Night/Potluck Dinner. We hope you all enjoyed being here as much as we enjoyed having you.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please let us know.

Happy Halloween!

Dilruba, Rosa & Thamara

Minnows

Fall has arrived and with it comes so many beautiful colors.

We are sad we have to say "bye-bye" to our oldest Minnows, Leo and Emily and their wonderful families. We wish you all the best and are so excited for your next step-but we will miss you very much!

We would like to welcome two additions to our Minnow Family; Jameela and Jana. We hope that you will enjoy your time as a Minnow!

Our eldest Minnow, Addison is very busy. She loves to roll and roll all around the classroom. Addison is easily excited and has the most adorable laugh. Her smile will light up anyone's face! Addison also eats very well and loves her bottles. She loves to play with all of her friends and especially enjoys a game of peek-a-boo. Addison is definitely show

ing Vincent the ropes...

Vincent has so much to see and do! He loves his foods, enjoys playing with the rattle toys and likes to spend a little time in the exer-saucer too. Vincent also loves to read books with his teachers. He sits up with a little help but he loves to roll too. Sometimes it looks like he is getting ready to crawl and we think he will do it any day now! Vincent certainly shows Max what to expect in the classroom...

Max has adjusted very well. He loves his bottles and he really enjoys his walks and stroller rides. Max loves circle time and free play-he is very active and likes to stand up when he can get a little help. He loves to play with all the toys but his favorite is when he can get his hands on one of the teething rings! Max also likes to play with his buddy, Zachary...

Zachary loves to sing and "coo" and we just adore all of his little noises. He likes to chew on his little fingers or his blanket-and boy does he have a tight grip! Zachary is a calm baby and full of energy all at the same time. Like his friends, Zachary enjoys our stroller rides, but he also loves cuddling time, reading books and singing songs. Best of all though, Zachary loves to swing!

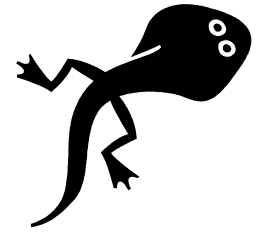
We are so excited to enjoy fall with all our sweet Minnows and their families. If you ever have any questions, concerns or comments please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us.

Thank you!

~Minnow Teachers

Ms. Nanda, Ms. Asoka & Ms. DeeDee

Tadpoles



In the month of September, we would like to share that our kids have been growing a lot and are very smart and curious to discover the world. They love climbing around places like the stairs on the changing area, tables, strollers and much more. They are getting more and more independent and want to do their "own thing."

The stroller rides have been different lately, the weather has been changing a lot and we can now officially feel the cool breeze hitting our faces and the trees have been drying up. We love looking at the pond but we have also realized that as it gets colder, there will be fewer geese spotted swimming around and we love pointing at them and the many more things we find new and interesting. Every time we go on our stroller ride we see people, we say "hi" and "bye" to them.

Dancing inside is our favorite thing to do. We love dancing, singing, to the music we have. We dance with one another or teachers and we never stop. Our communication skills have been improving very rapidly. We love using our sign language skills and benefiting them to communicate with our teachers, which helps a lot. We would like to thank all of our families that came to the pot lock and came to visit our class. We hope your questions or concerns were answered or had fun just visiting us!

Sayaka has adapted into our classroom very well.

She love to read books with everyone and loves sharing with all of her classmates. She is polite and understands what goes on in classroom. She is very sweet and a very calm girl and her best friend in the classroom is Wyatt.

Lulu has also adapted very well into the classroom. He is a sweet and active girl that loves to run around the classroom and loves to talk. She never gets tired and always has energy to keep herself moving from one place to another. She also love to point at her favorite food for breakfast which are the pancakes for breakfast and gets happy once she has received it.

Wyatt had 1,000 facial expressions every day. He I such a sweet boy and very intelligent. He is such a funny boy because he would always use the serious face and it's so serious that's its funny and cute. He also tends to use his sign language skills to communicate with his teachers.

Ryan is such a sweet boy and is always happy with his teacher and all of his classmates. He has been improving on his walking skills and has been doing a lot of exercise which gives him lots of confidence. He loves to discover new things as his day goes by and always lightens his days of the new things he learns.

Henry is our dancer in the classroom and always makes everyone dance with him when the music I on. He loves learning new dance moves so he can show them off. He is always happy where ever he

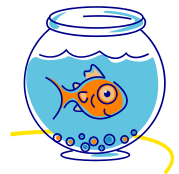
goes and loves to discover new things in life. He likes climbing up the stairs from the changing area and is such a busy boy. He loves talking a lot throughout the day and loves Ms. Ana and love saying her name a lot.

We would like to say our good bye to Sam and we will miss you so much and how u would always make us smile and give us so much love. He was a very good helper to us and was a big example to the classroom and to his friends. We hope you don't forget us and visit us soon. We love you Sam!

We would like to welcome Leo in our classroom! We are very excited to have him in our classroom and we can't wait to start working with you and having a class and making you part of the Tadpole family. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to ask, we would love to answer them.

Sincerely,

Maria, Chandi, and Marlene



Goldfish

Autumn is finally here. The Goldfish are shining more than ever with each smile and every hug. They are ready to learn how to do things on their own, and make Mommy and Daddy proud!

We would like to say good luck to Mathew, Owen and their families. We will miss you so much, but we know you are ready for the next step and hope you enjoy the Salamanders. We would also like to welcome Emily and her wonderful family to the Goldfish room. We hope you will enjoy the time with us.

Caroline is our oldest Goldfish and is busy all the time! She loves to ride bikes in the classroom. Caroline makes the whole class room shine with her beautiful smile.

Our sweet boy Hugo just turned one and he's always busy pushing around the small shopping cart in the classroom. He loves standing at the gate and saying bye-bye to visitors.

Katherine is our happy little girl who loves music and story time. She also loves clapping with her friends and getting them into the music.

Elliot is always happy and full of smiles. He loves playing with musical toys and exploring everything around the room.

Our happy boy Ryder always has a smile on his face and loves to clap with his friends during music time. He likes long naps and story time.

As always feel free to ask any questions and share any comments. We are always hear for you.

~Ms. Soranji, Ms. Bimali & Ms. Remona

Frogs

Dear Frog Parents,
September was an amazing month for the Frogs. We enjoyed, and had a lot of fun with, the curriculum "I do it every day".

We are so sad to say goodbye to Erick and his family. We will miss you but are so excited to watch you move onto the next chapter-we know you're ready! We want to thank you for being such a wonderful addition to our class.

Since we have on Frog moving on, we have one Frog moving in and we are so very happy to WELCOME SAM and his family- we are so excited to have you.

Our curriculum for the month of October is "Skin Covers Many Things". With this topic

We are going to talk about different types and colors of skin, how we keep our skin clean and healthy, the kinds of skin animals have as well as skin on fruits, vegetables and trees.

We will also continue working on using good manners, numbers and colors as well.

Parents, please make sure that all of your child's clothing is always labeled. Also, please check that they have clothes appropriate for the cooler weather (and that fit!).

Lastly, we want to say thank you to those parents who came out to the Back to School Potluck.



We really appreciate you and all the support you always give. Please feel free to talk with us any time regarding your child or concerns you may have about the room.

Children learn in the real world, with real things and real people and we are here to support and encourage them.

Sincerely,

Frogs Teachers :)

~Ms. Luiza, Ms. Nirosha, Ms. Zonia & Ms. Christina

Salamanders



Hello Salamander parents! We hope you are all in good spirits and are happy fall is here.

We want to start out by saying thanks to everyone that helped make Back to School Night a success. We had a lot of fun talking and getting to know the new parents.

We are happy to say we have three new wonderful students: Matthew, Owen & Henry. We are sad to say goodbye to Benjamin who transitioned to the Butterfly class. We will miss you so much but we know you are very mature and ready to become a Butterfly.

For the month of October our curriculum theme will be "Skin Covers Many Things." With this, the kids will learn all about their own skin, what skin is for, and how to take care of it. We will also talk

about the textures and colors of skin we see on things like fruit, vegetables and trees.

We will also continue to practice brushing our teeth, learning our ABC's and numbers.

We would like to ask that parents take a minute to check your child's cubby to make sure they have the right clothing for the fall weather.

We will be having fall parent/teacher conferences toward the end of the month.

We will be posting a sheet outside of the door with the available dates and times.

The meeting are usually 15-20 minutes long and it's a great opportunity to discuss the progress of your child.

We would like to give a warm welcome to Aleyda who is our new Salamander teacher. Aleyda will be working M,T & TH, 8.00-5.00 pm and W& F 8.30- 5.30PM.

Lastly, we can't forget our Halloween costume parade or the founder's Day celebration on Friday, October 28th. There will be more details to follow as it gets closer.

If your child is having difficulties with a specific area please feel free to let us know so that we can work with each child and take care of their individual needs. We look forward to working with you and your child during the school year.

The Salamander teachers once again thank you for your kind support and help. We will be happy to help you in all way possible.

Sincerely,

Dulari, Estephania, Dolly & Aleyda



Butterflies

It seems like the other day we were just talking about the nice warm summer and now we are getting ready for fall.

First we would like to thank all the parents who came to the Potluck (back to school night). We very much enjoyed your company and it was nice for the parents, teachers and children to mingle and to get to know each other better. Thank you for the food-every thing was so delicious!

We are very sad to say good-bye to Paige who is moving to the Otter class, and to Ada, who is moving to the Turtle class. We will miss you very much, but we are excited for what is in store for you both!

We would like to give a huge welcome to Erick, Benjamin and their

families. We are so happy to have you join the Butterflies!

Our High Reach Curriculum theme for the month is "Skin Covers Many Things." We have some exciting things planned for this theme and will talk about things like how skin looks, taking care of skin, what kind of skin animals have and what kind of skin fruits and vegetables have.

Halloween will also be a subject that we will be having fun with. There will be a lot of cute projects coming home!

We'll be also going on our annual pumpkin patch field trip to Butler's Orchard on the 18th of October. We have a sign up sheet on the door for those who can help drive and chaperone so please sign up if you can come!

We want to wish a very Happy Birthday to Erick on October 3rd and to Elena on October 10th.

In late October/early November we will be holding Parent/Teacher Conferences. We strongly encourage you to sign up as this is a wonderful way for us to fill you in individually on how your Butterfly is doing, and is also a great way for us to touch base with you. We will post a sign up sheet soon.

As always please feel free to call us any time, we are always here to answer any questions or concerns at ext 228.

Thank you so much for being such great parents!

Ms Asha, Ms Doris and Ms Tania

Dragonflies

October?! That was fast! October is here though and with it comes so much fun!

In the month of September we learned a lot through our curriculum theme "I Do it Everyday." The curriculum has been wonderful in challenging the Dragonflies and getting them ready for their transition to the next classroom.

We had a wonderful Back to School Potluck and want to thank all of you parents who came out and showed your support.

The curriculum theme for October is "Skin Covers Many Things." We will be learning all about our skin and what it does for us as well as exploring textures and differences in the skin of animals, fruits, vege-

tables and trees. We will also be incorporating fall themed activities like Halloween and weather changes. We will be having a Halloween party at the end of the month and will keep you posted on those details.

Our Dragonflies potty training is going very well. We will continue this here in efforts to get the children ready for their transition to the next classroom, and appreciate your hard work at home too!

We do have a couple of friendly reminders:

-When you bring your Dragonfly to school in the morning please be sure they have a diaper on with their underwear.

-The weather is starting to get cooler so now is a great time to check the clothing in your child's cubby and swap out the shorts and t-shirts for pants and long sleeved tops.

Thank you!

Ms. Roxana, Ms. Maritza & Ms. Chamida



Otters

Let us wash off the green and repaint everything red, yellow, brown, and orange! September has flown by and the Otter class is ready for fall. Unfortunately, September was bombarded with rain, so we hope for a cool and dry month. Fall is the perfect season to observe changes in the nature surrounding us and the Otters can't wait to spend more time outside.

Every month we say hello to new students and goodbye to our oldest students who are transitioning. Thankfully our Otter family will not lose anyone this month, but add a new member, Paige. We are all extremely excited to have her in our class.

For October, we will be learning about how to "Love the Skin We are In". We

will be exploring the texture of the skins of animals, fruits and vegetables, ourselves and trees. Along with all this, we will be learning what our skin is for and how we are supposed to take care of it.

Reminders for the month of October: Founder's day will be celebrated on October 28th. Like last year, we will have a parade, where we can wear our costumes! There will be a moon bounce, food and a DJ too! Halloween is also this month and the classes will NOT be having individual parties. Also, if your Otter's extra clothes still consist of summer clothes please change them out with fall/winter appropriate clothes. Lastly, October 19th is our field trip to the pumpkin patch. If you are able to

volunteer please sign up on the paper hanging on the door...it's going to be a great field trip!

Please don't forget to check your child's folder everyday. If you have any questions, please talk to one of us, or email us at the email addresses below.

~Ms. Veronica, Ms. Mary & Ms. Adrianna

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Turtles

October is here! September flew by in the Turtle Classroom.

It was such a busy month. Through the activities and projects with our High Reach Curriculum the Turtles and their parents all got to know each other a little better, explore the classroom and our daily surroundings.

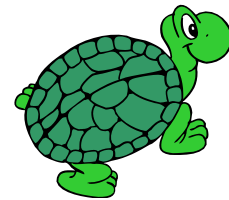
On that note, we want to thank all the parents who came out and joined us for the Back to School Potluck. We would also like to welcome our new Turtles; Grace and Ada to our "pond."

The curriculum theme for the month is "Skin Covers

Many Things." We will explore and discover many things about our skin as well as the skin of things such as fruits, vegetables and trees. In addition, we will be reading stories and doing projects and activities connected to fall and Halloween!

We would like to wish Connor a Happy Birthday on October 19th!

October 19th is also the day for our field trip to Butler's Orchard for pumpkin picking! We still need help with chaperoning and driving so if you would like to come please sign up



on the sheet we have posted on our door. It's going to be a great field trip!

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us. Here's to another great month!

~Ms. Marie-Louise, Ms. Yessenia, Ms. Iliana & Ms. Nicole

Geese

September has left and August has begun. This past month was a very exciting and fun-packed month for all of us in the geese room. Our High Reach curriculum had us learning all about our everyday places and everyday routines. We learned about things that we do before and after school like going home and brushing our teeth or eating a special breakfast at home before arriving at school. We also learned about simple things that we do that help us keep our lives in order like remembering to wash our hands EVERY time we go to the bathroom or remembering to say please and thank you when we want or receive something. The geese also learned about certain things we see every day while we come to school like the every so exciting STOP SIGN or the intriguing crosswalk sign!

Our new Language curriculum has been teaching us all about our letters and specifically the letter's M and P this

month. We learned about our friends Mary and Martha and even our porcupine friend Petey. These friends have been working with us on our letter construction skills and our letter recognition skills. Something else that we have been doing that is a great addition to the already solid curriculum core that we have, is the addition of our Hands On Science curriculum that has been teaching all about the lighter sides of physics, gravity, size, and momentum. We were able to make our very own ramps and test out how well certain shapes rolled down them! We also were able to test our minds with the idea of 3-D shapes like spheres compared to regular 2-D shapes like circles! We also had the pleasure of celebrating Ethan's 4th birthday this month! We look forward to celebrating Sydney's on the 18th of September!

As far as this month's curriculum goes we will be learning mostly about how skin covers many different types of things. We will be learning about how different things have different types of skin that help protect them from other harmful things like sunlight! We are very excited about Halloween and our field trip to Butlers Orchard on the 20th for some good ole pumpkin picking! Thank you very much for everything that all of you do and as always if there are any questions or concerns you may have please feel free to ask us at any time! Stay Spooooky :0).

- Mr. Chris &
Ms. Idalia



Ducks

October!!! It's time for HOCKEY and some fun in the Ducks! The Ducks had a busy month of September! We had a great time going over our curriculum Everyday Places and Routines. We learned a lot of really fun stuff. We also met 3 new friends in our class, Mary and Marsha (the mouse twins) and Petey the porcupine! We went over the letter M and P and the sounds they make. We learned a ton of words that start with those 2 letters. It was a lot of fun! In the month of October, the curriculum we will be doing is called "The Skin You're In." Miss Jessica, Miss

Stephanie, and Miss Elsi are working hard on some really cool projects and lesson plans for it. We are really excited! We will also be learning the letters T, S, A, and N. We're sure those letters will bring some new friends for us as well. We can't wait to see who they are! We have a birthday in October in our class! Happy 4th Birthday to Cara on Oct 29th! We hope you enjoy your special day! We also would like to welcome Miquel and his family into our class from the Turtles! We are so excited to have you join us! Please be aware that Parent\Teacher conferences start at the end of Oct. Please be sure to sign up for one on the sign up sheet on our door. We also have a

field trip on Thursday Oct 20th to Butler's Orchard to pick pumpkins! Please sign up if you can come along and drive! We'd love to have you! As always if you have any questions or concerns, we are here for you anytime! We are looking forward to an awesome October! Go Caps! -Miss Stephanie, Miss Elsi, and Miss Jessica RSCC is awesome!



Swans

Here's your official "welcome to fall", Swan parents!

September was such a fantastic start to our new school year in the new Swan room. The kids are all acclimated and by watching them you'd think they had been together for months and not merely weeks.

Our "I'm Special" curriculum theme was a great way to get to know one another better and even learn a little about ourselves. We found some things we have in common with one another, we discovered ways that we are different and we even learned about our 5 senses. We were also introduced to Petey Porcupine, Mary and Marsha Mouse, and Tad Tiger who helped us learn the letters Mm, Pp and Tt. To wrap up the month, we started talking about fall and all the beautiful changes we have seen happening around us. Hopefully you have been able to keep up with our blog because the Swans sure are a smart bunch! (And they're pretty darn hilarious too.)

We will not be slowing down any in the upcoming month. Our curriculum theme for October is "My Home & My Neighbors." With this topic we are going to develop a better understanding of what a neighborhood is as well as explore more about our homes and our families. Incorporated into this will be some lessons on friendships and needs vs. wants. We will also meet three new Alphabet Friends-Sally Seal, Alvin Alligator and Nora Nurse-who will help us work on our letter recogni-

tion, beginning sounds and how to write the letters Ss, Aa and Nn. We will focus on the numbers 1-10 and learn about octagons, pentagons and ovals.

In addition, we will be talking more about fall and will be creating lots of fun (and really cute!) projects to decorate your home for the season and especially Halloween! Of course we can't forget our upcoming trip to Butler's Orchard to pick some pumpkins and our Founder's Day Halloween Party at the end of the month!

Phew! We are going to be busy! If there is one thing I've learned about these kids this month though, okay-I've learned lots about these kids, but one of the things I've learned is that the Swans are ready...for everything! It's going to be challenging, it's going to be amazing, it's going to be fun and we hope you're ready too!

Thanks for being such wonderful Swan parents!

~Ms. Erin, Ms. Flora, Ms. Melissa and Ms. Indima



Owls

Dear Owl parents,
Our new school year is in full swing! We have spent the month of September getting to know each other and the routine of the classroom. Your children are all encouraged to be as independent as possible here at school. They set the tables for lunch and put out their own mats and blankets and pour their own milk etc. Give your child some special responsibilities to do at home if you have not tried this already:) We have discussed our five senses, feelings and body parts. We ended the month welcoming the season of fall. We had a great month and we teachers are proud of our class and at how helpful they all are.

October will be just as fun filled! For the first week, we will continue discussing and reading all about fall and also apples. The second two weeks we will switch to learning about pumpkins and we will finish off the month with Halloween! We will do lots of great activities this month. We will do some cooking and baking (applesauce, caramel apples, apple cider, pumpkin seeds and pumpkin bread) mmmm. We will do lots of art projects and read a ton of books. For science, we will be tasting many different varieties apples and keeping track of them all and we will explore how pumpkins grow and dissect one when we make our class jack-o-lantern. We will watch as the trees make their fall transforma-

tion. We will do some candy corn sorting and classifying and pumpkin seed counting. Our curriculum this month focuses on letters Ss, Aa, and Nn and numbers up to 10. We will learn about ovals, pentagons, and octagons. We will discuss homes, families, friendships and needs vs. wants.

This month we have 4 birthdays. Andrew (10/5), Adam (10/7) and Tatiana (10/21) all turn 5 this month. Our Owls are getting so big! We will have our trip to the pumpkin patch on Friday October 21st. We already have lots of people signed up to drive. Thank you everyone! We will not be having individual class parties this year for Halloween. Instead, we will celebrate all together for our Founder's Day celebration on October 29th. Your children may bring their costumes that day and we will have a parade followed by dinner and entertainment. It should be lots of fun! For Monday the 31st, we will plan some fun Halloween activities to do during the day.

Thank you!
Sincerely,
Miss Heather, Miss Brooke and
Miss Evelyn



RSCC Founder's Day Celebration

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HALLOWEEN

The Parade...

the costume parade around the pond will begin at **5:00pm sharp**. The parking garage will be open for free parking. We ask that *all* parents, grandparents, professional photographers, paparazzi, etc. wait outside by the pond so the teachers can get the kids dressed in their costumes, lined up and ready to go on time. Our parade route will take us out by the playground exit, then up the sidewalk and around the pond to sufficiently show off how cute our children are and to give plenty of opportunities for photo ops. Please feel free to join walk along with the parade as we start to go around the pond.



After the Parade...

We will all come back into the school. Parents will accompany their children to their respective classrooms where food will be set out for dinner. Seating will be arranged for kids, parents and teachers to eat and mingle in their classrooms. It may be a little crowded, but we will make it work.

...Then it's time to party!

- *Face painter in the Teacher's Lounge!!*
- **MoonBounce on the Toddler playground!!**
- **Dj rockin' the indoor play area!!**

(To RSVP, please sign up on the sign up sheet by the office...we hope to see you there!)

School Closed Monday, October 10th

RSCC is closed on Monday, October 10th
for Columbus Day.

Tremendous Teacher Tree

A place like Rock Spring relies on positive energy as its lifeblood. The administration hires the best and sweetest people they can find—teachers who love children and who care very deeply about making the School a great place. The teachers see all of your cute kids each day which brings them joy and makes them only too happy to do their jobs well. When our parents see this, it makes



them happy. The parents give great feedback to the administrators and teachers. This positive reinforcement makes the Rock Spring team even happier and they often come up with even better and more creative ways to make the School a great place. The children are the beneficiaries of all of this (we call it the Circle of Positivity). We wanted to

bring all of this to life a little bit, so we created the Tremendous Teacher Tree.

The "Tremendous Teacher Tree" is located near the office window. If you experience a teacher going above and beyond the call of duty, please tell us about it. Come to the office to pick up an "apple" so you can personally write a note, or you can send the office an email, office@rockspringcc.com, and we will do it for you. The apples then go on the tree for all to see. Thank you for being an important part of this effort!

Board Update

This month, the Board reviewed the financial performance of the School for the past school year. We are so pleased to report, that once again, thanks to the hard work of our CEO, admin team, and teaching staff, the School finished well ahead of its projected budget while still maintaining a great environment for our children, teachers, and families. Our enrollment has exceeded our projections each of the last several months and, for the first time since we moved to this location, we are starting the year off above our projected enrollment. Thank you to all of the parents out there who promote the School and help us maintain it at full capacity!

We are also pleased to report that Shaun Rose was recently asked to testify before the Montgomery County Council about issues facing the childcare and preschool industry. Shaun explained to the

Council how much of a burden tuition is for the County's families and advocated for measures the Council could take to help. Shaun emphasized how important early childhood education experiences are for the education of our children and had subsequent discussions with Councilmembers about the pros and cons of public financing of childcare and preschool and other ideas to improve efficiency and affordability.

As always, if you ever have any input on any issues that are handled by the Board or, if you are interested in learning more about the

Board or potentially joining the Board one day, in addition to the Directors, you can also feel free to talk to any of the Board members or the Board President. See you at the Founder's Day event at the end of this month!

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Cubby Check Time!




















Parents:

The start of a new season is a great time to take a look at your child's cubby and "update" your child's extra clothing.

As the weather gets cooler we ask that you swap out the shorts and t-shirts for pants and long sleeved tops. Please also make sure that their clothing still fits, (these little guys grow so fast!) and as always; label everything! Thanks so much for your cooperation!



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
Soccer 	Soccer 	Ballet 	Zumba 	Jump Bunch 
10	11	12	13	14
NO SCHOOL: Teacher workshop day.	Soccer 	Ballet 	Zumba 	JumpBunch 
17	18	19	20	21
Soccer 	Soccer 	Ballet 	Zumba 	JumpBunch 
24	25	26	27	28
Soccer 	Soccer 	Ballet 	Zumba 	JumpBunch  Founder's Day Party
31	1	2	3	4
Soccer 	Soccer 	Ballet 	Zumba 	Jump Bunch 