

October and November Newsletter

The fall newsletter is also available online at ww.flowersmontessori.com. and on Facebook!

Fall Celebration - October 31

9:00 – 12:00 Please join us for our fall celebration.

Your child is invited to wear a **PEACEFUL Halloween Costume**. If your child is staying for the afternoon class session please bring a change of clothes. ***No blood, super heroes, fighting (weapons) or scary costumes.*** Please save that choice for the evening as we have 2 year old students and un-peaceful costumes could frighten them. Circle time starts at 9 am instead of 8:30. After circle we will have a costume parade around our beautiful playground. *Bring your cameras.* The festival is directly after with activity stations, food and fun. Everyone is invited. A food and activity volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted.

Please bring a SMALL pumpkin for your child. Please bring a pumpkin to school for your child to decorate. The pumpkin must be smaller than your child's head and your child must be able to be able to carry it. No large pumpkins please. Your child will be decorating the small pumpkin at the festival. Please label your child's pumpkin with their name on the bottom.

PEACEFUL, NON-VIOLENT costumes only please, in keeping with our peaceful loving school. We do not want to scare any children, nor promote violence.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, October 6 – UF Homecoming CLOSED

Friday, October 20 – CLOSED.

October 31 – Fall Festival

Tuesday, November 10 – Veterans Day CLOSED

Friday, November 17 – Fall Feast (Potluck Lunch)

November 20 – 24, Thanksgiving Break

December 15 – Winter Concert, Party and Potluck Lunch

December 15 – Last day of class this semester

Birthday Celebrations

On your child's birthday Team Flowers has a beautiful celebration at school. Your child walks around a lit candle representing the sun as many times as they have lived on the planet earth holding a small earth globe. The teacher talks about developmental milestones as the birthday child walks around the (sun) candle. This special moment is priceless and parents are always invited. Your child may also bring a special snack to share, low or no sugar preferred but not required, and a book to read. Please send party invitations via US mail and never leave them in cubbies. We find the children love to get mail and this eliminates hurt feelings for children at school who are NOT invited. Thank you for this kindness. We all remember how it feels to not be invited to someone's birthday.

VPK Attendance

Please attend school if your child is in VPK. VPK is a VOLUNTARY program but attendance is required in order to participate. The VPK program is also a VOLUNTARY program for the school. VPK policy recommends the school withdraw any student who does not maintain attendance.

Sign-In Sheet

Thank you parents for signing in and out! Give yourself a hand, this is the best year for remembering to sign in and out!!! Great job. State law requires that you sign your full and legible signature. VPK Students must PRINT YOUR NAME on the VPK sign in sheet. Parents of VPK: The state must be able to read your name. Legal signatures that are not legible and are not acceptable by the VPK office. Thank you!

NO SUGAR REQUEST

We ask that everyone follow our NO SUGAR rule at school. This includes the fall festival. Thank you for not bringing candy, sugary sweets or other "goodies".

WE ARE HAVING THE BEST YEAR EVER! THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR CHILD WITH US!!!

If you have any questions regarding your statements please contact **Michael Kreeger at 283-9198 or email him at mkreeger@ufl.edu**. Remember tuition installments are due the first of the month. Thank you for your prompt payment. If you would like a receipt please indicate on your statement or a post it note on your check and return it with your payment. Receipt will be issued immediately.

ILL CHILDREN

Please do not send your child to school if they are ill in any way or unable to perform daily class activities. Please read the illness section found on line at www.flowersmontessori.com, in our parent handbook.

PARKING LOT DECLARED A LOVE ZONE

Please respect our small parking lot by parking on the street if you have a long drop off. Thank you for not parking in the circular drive allowing everyone who enters a clear passage. Our school is a loving school and we are considerate to all others. We appreciate it if you park on the street next to our beautiful playground if the lot is full.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE

Thank you parents for respecting our classroom! Please use soft library like voices and manners. The children appreciate your kind respectful voices when working. This ensures no student is ever disturbed. Much love and peace to you. **HAPPY AUTUMN!**

AFTER CARE NEWS:

Our beautiful loving school closes at 5:30. We ask that you please pick up your child by 5:30 from our After Care Program. Parents who are late more than 3 times in a semester may lose their After School Care privilege. Please pay the attending staff \$1.00 per minute cash due upon pickup for each minute you are late. Thank you for respecting our staff and school hours. 7:30 – 5:30

HARVEST FEAST POT LUCK

November 17 10:45 – 12:00

We would like to invite you to join us for a pot luck harvest feast. We ask you bring a dish to pass. Please bring a dish that is special to your family. We encourage each family to write a little story on a 3 x 5 card to share and place near the dish on the table as to why the dish is special to your family. This could be a wonderful time to share a cooking experience with your child.