

October and November Newsletter

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 those choices for the evening as we have 2 year old students and scary, fighting or 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 the parade 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 small pumpkin to school for your child to decorate. The pumpkin must be smaller than your child's head and your child should easily be able to be able to carry it without help. No large pumpkins please. Your child will be decorating the small pumpkin at the festival. Please label your child's pumpkin with their name (sharpie) on the bottom.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, October 19 – Closed.

October 31 – Fall Festival 9 - 12

Monday, November 12 – Veterans Day CLOSED

Friday, November 16 – Fall Feast (Potluck Lunch)

November 19 – 23, Thanksgiving Break

December 21 – Winter Concert, Party and Potluck Lunch

December 21 – 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 years 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 unless you invite everyone. 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.

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 are not accepted by the VPK office. The state auditor must be able to read the parents name. Thank you!

VPK Attendance

Please attend school if your child is in VPK. VPK is a VOLUNTARY program and attendance is required in order to participate. The VPK program is also a VOLUNTARY program for the school. The school may withdraw any student who does not attend and this is recommended by the VPK office.

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 tuitions 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. Once processed a receipt will be issued upon request.

ILL CHILDREN

Please do not send your child to school if they are ill in any way or unable to perform daily class, lethargic, etc. 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/fire lane marked by loving hearts. This allows everyone who enters a clear passage including emergency vehicles. Our school is a loving school and we are always considerate to others. We appreciate it if you park on the street next to our beautiful playground if the lot is full or if you plan to spend extra time dropping off or picking up your child. The parking lot is for quick drop offs and pick ups. Thank you!

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 by adults or other children during class. 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 16 10:45 – 12:00 Friday

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.