

# **FAMILY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2020**

Reading to your child is the single most important step you can take in helping them build a strong foundation for learning, Books promote cognitive development and early literacy by sharpening thinking and listening skills, sparking imagination and stimulating curiosity. Additionally, when parent and child read together, it strengthens their bond, providing a sense of shared excitement, intimacy and well being.

With all these benefits of reading in mind, we have developed three new reading challenges for you and your child to complete together. All three will serve as a precursor to our traditional Summer Reading List for year round reading fun! Our reading challenges will focus on themes or topics that align with your child's school curriculum. With the change of each season, our teachers will introduce a new reading challenge. Our Fabulous Fall Reading Challenge is under way and it will continue until the last day of Autumn! We have partnered with MTPL to provide links to their catalog of library books that cover the subjects of our reading challenges. We have included the Fall links below. If you have a library account with MTPL, you can check-out the books on-line and order them for pick-up. We will be awarding certificates to each student who completes and returns their reading challenge. Each certificate will be posted on our Reading Challenge bulletin board at school. Students who complete all 3 challenges will win a prize, awarded at the end of May.

Halloween - Imaginative play is an important learning tool for preschoolers. It improves their understanding of social structures and helps develop a strong self image. It is in this spirit that we embrace Halloween. This year we will celebrate Halloween all week long, from October 26th through October 30th.

**Careers** - October's curriculum also explores the jobs people do in their community. Children develop a larger sense of self by learning about the different careers that make up a thriving community. Exploring careers serves as an optimistic window to the future.

**Fall**- Autumn's vibrant colors reinforce positive aspects of palette and learn about busy squirrels and other animals preparing for the winter months

## UPCOMING EVENTS

We are spreading our Halloween fun throughout the week from October 26th through the 30th!

### Halloween Week

Harvest Hullabaloo Pumpkin Picking Ghosts & Ghouls Fun & Games Day Spooktacular Halloween Party Monster Mash Music Day Halloween Costume Day (Friday Only)

### Fabulous Fall Reading Challenge MTPL Book Links

https://kohaopac.mtpl.org/cgi-bin/koha/opac-shelves.pl?op=view&shelfnumber=4746&sortfield=title

https://kohaopac.mtpl.org/cgi-bin/koha/opac-shelves.pl?op=view&shelfnumber=4747&sortfield=title

https://kohaopac.mtpl.org/cgi-bin/koha/opac-shelves.pl?op=view&shelfnumber=4752&sortfield=title

Stories are a big part your child's day here at LPP. Here are a few books we love to read this month...

Room On The Broom By Julia Donaldson

There Was An Old Lady...a Bat! By Lucille Calandro

Dream You'll Be By Joseph T. Garcia Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do

By Kathryn Heling

Squirrels Who Squabbled By Rachel Bright

Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn By Kenard Pak