

First Plymouth Learning Center

October 2018



Ladybugs:

October has been a busy month for the Ladybugs! We were so excited to welcome a new friend, Blake to our class. We also got to celebrate Graham's 2nd birthday! Other than those exciting events, we have been learning all about the garden, fruits and vegetables. Activities include exploring pumpkins, apples, fall leaves, and planting bean sprouts. During circle time, we have added some fun new puppets that the children have really been enjoying. Our new puppet friends sing and tell stories and really captivate us. Thank you Moms and Dads for all of the wonderful classroom donations! For music and movement, we have been stretching our bodies to grow like seeds and using our breath to blow like the wind. Freeze dance has also been a favorite way to get our wiggles out! Our favorite song and fingerplay right now is "5 Little Pumpkins". I hope you all had a chance to admire the bulletin board in the entryway which features the Ladybug class for October. Next month we will be focusing on our families and the neighborhood. If you haven't brought in your family photos yet, this would be a great time! The children love to look at them and talk about them throughout the day!

- Ms. Brooke and Ms. Amber

Bunnies:

Another great month for the Bunnies. We established a routine for our day and learned what a great time it is to come to school and play. The Bunnies have had fun exploring different types of sensory activities through art by painting, stamping, using crayons, markers and play-doh. This month our focus has been fruits and vegetables, color orange, shape square, letters Dd, Ee, Ff with sounds and words and numbers 3 & 4. This year will be a wonderful time for your children where they will be discovering their sense of self and independency, by using gentle words, sharing, taking care of their things, using their manners and discovering a sense of community. All these new experiences will help develop confidence, knowledge and encourage each child to be participants in their learning.

-Ms. Gerri and Ms. Amber

Bumblebees:

We have had a wonderful first month of school! We are working hard on our independent skills, pouring water, opening containers, drinking out of cups during snack time. We are practicing putting on our coats and lining up and walking in a line! We are also getting out our nap time items and making our beds. This month we will be learning about Fruits, Vegetables and Fire Safety. Our color of the month is orange. Our shape is square, and we will be focusing on the letters A, H, I and the sounds they make. We will also be focusing on numbers 0-20. Thanks for sharing your children with us, they make us laugh and smile each day!

- Ms. Erika and Ms. Senait

Tuition for November is due November 1st!

You can pay tuition online! There is a convenience fee of 3.5% plus \$0.45 for credit card payments and there is a flat convenience fee of \$0.45 for e-check payments. <https://firstplymouth.mycheddarup.com>

We also accept checks via bill pay through your bank.

Otters:

This has been such an exciting start to the year! As fall blew in with early October, we started to learn about our fruits and vegetables. We went through what our favorites are in terms of fruits and vegetables and learned that everyone likes different things. We talked about how friends may like different things with food, colors, and many other things but we are still friends no matter what. We even talked about how friends bond over liking or disliking the same things. As we talked about fruits and vegetables, we also talked about our numbers 0-20 and started learning how to write our letters and our names. We are so excited to continue on our path and learn so many new things as October ends and November begins!

- Ms. Lindsey and Ms. Senait

Koalas:

Happy Fall Koala Families! It has been so nice getting to know all of you, this has been an amazing start to the year. This month our theme is Fall Festival, our shape and color are square and orange, our focus letters and numbers are P, R, B, and D, and 0-10. We have been working a lot with numbers, letters, and opposites, counting 1-10 with objects and 1-30 in route, we've been improving our fine motor and practicing writing our names so this month we will switch from finding our names to the koalas tracing their names at drop off. The koalas will sign in after they say goodbye, try and keep drop off short so they transition into this new routine easily, you've all been great about this! With Halloween right around the corner please remember that FPLC has a few specific food guidelines, please speak to me about any treats you may want to share with the class beforehand.

- Ms. Angela and Ms. Rachel

Brown Bears:

Hello parents!

We have had a great time this month exploring and learning all about Fall! The children painted with apples and mini pumpkins, we talked about the colors that the leaves change this time of year as well. We also used our investigative skills during some fun Science projects like what happens when you mix food coloring, vinegar and baking soda? What happens when we put our white flowers in vases with different colors of water? We all made predictions on what would happen! It's been a lot of fun this month. Starting in November we start our new theme, health and fitness. We will be talking about the healthy food we eat, and how we stay healthy and what activities we can do to achieve that. Talk with your kids during meal times at home to get them engaged in learning about the foods that they eat so we can talk about it in class. Also please keep working with your kids at home with their lunch containers with lids and flaps. So far they are doing great but practice at home bridges that home and school connection for them!

- Ms. Brooke and Ms. Rachel

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

November 20-23 – Thanksgiving Break

December 25- January 4- Winter Break

January 8 – Students return

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Penguins:

October has brought falling leaves, cooler temperatures and a group of Penguins who now move through their daily routine with confidence and take the initiative to get their work done. We have been conducting our own literature review as we read many different versions of the stories: “Goldilocks & the Three Bears” and “The Little Red Hen” and then discuss how they are alike and different. We have talked about how when you are the author, you get to decide everything about the story you create. We have tried our hand at writing our own stories, starting with “Once upon a time. . .” During Readers/Writers Workshop, we are building three letter word puzzles, practicing our sight words and finding rhyming words that match, as well as reading Bob books. In art with Ms. Shelley, we have created beautiful “Rainbow Fish” pictures as well as a cool Halloween board that showcases witches, bats, ghosts, jack o’lanterns and cats! On Fridays, we have explored apples, tried a new “oatmeal bake” recipe, as well as made yummy applesauce apple muffins and pumpkin muffins. After fall break, we will be reading many wonderful fall stories, creating our “5 Little Pumpkins Sitting on the Gate” artwork and meeting with parents for conferences so that we can share all of the amazing work that we have done!

- Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Shelley

A Note from the Director:

Hello again everyone! I hope everybody had an exciting (or relaxing) Fall Break! Happy Halloween! I’ve loved getting to see pictures, so much fun!

The children are looking so happy! I see a whole lot of wonderful academics going on like activities, charts, art and more! They seem to be growing so much already! Make sure to get updated health forms (physician’s and immunization) when your child goes to their doctor for an annual well check so that we can maintain current information in files.

Just a reminder, as fun as it is to play and socialize outside our West entrance doors, we cannot have the children playing out there after school. We want everyone to stay safe! There are some wonderful parks very close by including Eisenhower Park off Dartmouth, Magna Carta Park off Colorado Boulevard, Eastmoor Park off Quincy and McWilliams Park off Yale.

Here’s to another fantastic month!

- Kiesha

