

# "Little Explorers Preschool Press"

October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017



## Looking Ahead

**November 21<sup>st</sup>:** Thanksgiving Feast in your child's classroom. For information, check with your child's teacher.

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>:** No school due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



Underneath the hat, feathers, and superhero costumes, **dress-up play** is serious business, teaching your kids skills they'll use for years to come.

What are my kids getting out of this kind of play?

Literally walking in other people's shoes may give kids valuable experience in, um, walking in other people's shoes. In fact, studies have linked role-play to empathy: Kids who engaged in it were more skilled in judging how other people might feel than those who didn't.

A rousing game of "zookeeper" also turns out to be great preparation for the life skills kids will soon need. Not only do they get plenty of unhurried practice with buttoning, zipping and otherwise arranging clothing, they also strengthen their language and social skills, from negotiation and storytelling ("Let's pretend...") to problem solving ("How *would* you catch a runaway lion?"). For example, when kids substitute a wooden block for a phone, they are thinking symbolically. That's a precursor to all later academic experiences, like reading, writing and math.

## This Week: Story Book Characters

### Developing Skills

**Art & Fine Motor:** Weave a spider web with yarn.

**Mathematics:** Measuring ingredients to make pancakes.

**Social/Emotional:** Dress up as a storybook character, and invite families to the classroom for a Fall Festival.

**Vocabulary:** Ingredients, Measure, Weave, Festival

## Important Announcements

- This week is our Fall Festival. Families are encouraged to come and celebrate with their children. We have been learning about different story book characters and would like for your child to dress as their favorite story book character. For safety reasons, we ask that you do not send your child with accessories, or masks. Please contact your child's teacher for more information.
- Please remember to bring in the Health Documentation Form signed by your child's doctor. Thanks!
- Please remember to label your child's belongings, and check his or her backpack daily.
- We will be making handprint turkey shirts for Thanksgiving. If you would like your child to make one, please send a plain white t-shirt to school with your child. The last day to send in shirts will be November 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact your child's teacher.

## Preschool Classrooms need the following supplies for some fun projects:

- Sandwich Bags, and Paper Plates - October 30<sup>th</sup>
- Pancake Mix, Canned Pumpkin Pie, and Chocolate Chips - Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- One White t-Shirt - Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>

### Weekly Share Time Question:

Brainstorm: Who is your favorite story book character?

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you for your support!

Preschool Staff