

Special points of interest:

- Oct 5: Fall Family Festival 5-7pm
- Oct 31: Annual Costume Parade 4pm

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## Here's the Scoop for October!

### Greetings, LeafSpring families!

We hope everyone was able to adjust to the first month of school. It will be a different transition for all children. We don't think it helped that there was a week of uncertainty with the weather. Speaking of weather, we have successfully completed our monthly tornado and fire drills with the new students. So, if they told you there was a fire, no worries, it was just a drill!

A few reminders now that we are in October:

Mr. Justin has been completing a file audit for each child so please try your best to turn in any missing items to him as soon as you can.

Our annual Fall Family Festival is **FRIDAY, OCT 5th**. The last day to buy tickets is Monday, October 1st. The event will be from 5-7 p.m. in the front of the school. *(Rain plan: the event will be moved to 6-8 p.m. inside the Village Gymnasium.)*

For the Preschool, we will have our annual **Costume Parade on Oct 31st at 4 p.m.** It is

the cutest thing to watch the infants through Gold Room children parade around the playgrounds.

For the Village parents, **LET US HELP YOU!** We will be ordering pizza on Wednesday, October 31st to feed to your school-aged child(ren) so you do not have to rush to pick them up, feed them, and get ready for trick-or-treating. More information will be posted in the Village mid-October.

Happy Fall, Y'all!  
Joyce, Angeline, & Athena

## Picture Days are Coming!

We will have our picture days for Infants, Red, Orange, Yellow, and Green Room on Thursday, **November 1st**.

Children in Blue, Purple, Gold, and Private Kin-

dergarten will have their pictures take on Friday, **November 2nd**.

**ALL SIBLING PICTURES** will be taken on Friday, November 2nd.

We will be using the

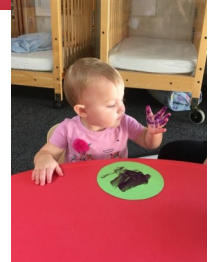
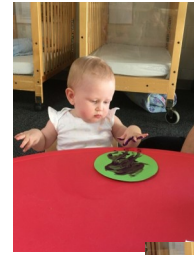
wonderful, Joyful Years Photography! They typically have a two-week turnaround and will set up on Station Square to view picture packages.



## Infant Room

The first week in Infant Room was a blast! Our classroom theme this year is Space; it was wonderful to watch all the children hunt for stars around the room. The infants loved squishing purple paint between their fingers while painting their own planet. Hayden and Sawyer decided they also wanted to paint their faces! We practiced sharing with our new friends

by passing a foil moon ball back and forth. Sully and Kayla were able to use their gross motor skills to toss the ball high into the air. The youngest of our infants had tummy time in our "moon crater" soft spot. It was a busy and fun week while everyone explored their new room and playground. I'm excited to see what this year will have in store for us!



## Private Kindergarten News!

Our students have been busy this past month! We are working on review of beginning sounds, identification of upper and lowercase letters, and rhyming words. The children are recognizing word families such as "at/an" and "ug/og". They have learned six sight words and have had a great time playing "Swat the Word" with our colorful swatters. Our writing journals are filled with pictures and a short sentence for each. The children are beginning to read their leveled books during guided reading time and enjoy when we play back the videos of them reading.

Math skills have been presented in many "hands-on" ways this month. We are counting sets, comparing groups, sorting by attributes

such as color and size. The children are learning how to write their numerals. We have been writing them with play dough, with dry-erase markers and of course the favorite, writing them in the sand trays. Our I-Pads have been used to practice math skills after the concepts have been introduced.

Our science topic has been "changes and patterns". We explore the weather and calendar daily. We have been experimenting with changes while we follow recipes. We have made homemade banana chocolate chip muffins and cloud dough. These activities encourage our students to count, measure, make predictions and describe a series of sequenced steps.

Our INSPIRED curriculum continues to cover the topic of friendship, tolerance and community. We have read several stories. One of our favorites was, "I Wish I Had Duck Feet". We were able to graph the silly animal parts that we might like to have on our own bodies. This activity made us all laugh!

Play Centers are an exciting part of each day. Some of our favorites are Legos, Bakery, Trains, STEAM bins, Nature Blocks with Animals, Arctic Animals, Magnet Blocks, and Painting. The children have been busy working on collaborating and working together to share the materials.

We are looking forward to many fun-filled days in Kindergarten this year! Ms. Theresa



## Include Family in Bedtime Stories

Telling stories can be a wonderful part of a bedtime routine. These stories can build imagination, soothe anxieties and create a bond between parents and children. But it's not always easy to think of new story ideas.

Not all stories have to be fantasy. In fact, basing stories on real life can be a great

way to convey a message to your child. For example, you can make the characters' names rhyme with family member's names. Then the characters can relive the events in your family's life together and look forward to the next day's activities.

You can also use the characters to reinforce good behav-

ior. Have them say *please* and *thank you*. Let them see the effects their poor behavior has on others.

This kind of story is a good way to set high expectations. If the story family is going on an outing, the characters can make their parents happy by getting ready on time and not fighting.



## LeafSpring Partners with The Planning Council's Farm2ChildCare Program

We are very lucky to be part of the Farm2Child-Care program for two years now. We have taste tested various fruits and vegetables with the children during snack times. Some classrooms have even "explored" the fruits and vegetables in their rooms.

The harvest of the month

program is always exciting because we never know what we are going to get. Cullipher Farm has been harvesting the fruits and vegetables each month. At the end of September, we received beautiful Fall squash: butternut, acorn, and red kuri (looks just like a pumpkin). We even had a facebook contest to see if any of our parents could

guess them, but the red kuri squash stumped us all!



## Front Desk News from Mr. Justin

The first month of school is over and it was an interesting one, thanks to Florence! I do not know about you all, but it felt like there were two different first weeks of school. I also loved seeing all of our returning families and all of our new families; please bear with me as I am learning everyone's name.

If I have reached out to you about something missing in

your file, please try to get it to me as soon as possible. Licensing is very particular on what is needed and I like to stay on top of all paperwork. If you have any questions about your child's file, please let me know.

**REMINDERS:** Our annual Fall Family Picnic is Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. & our annual Costume Parade is Wednesday, October

31<sup>st</sup> starting at 4 p.m.

Let's have a great October and I hope to see everyone wearing pink on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>! (:

If you have any questions, please stop by the front desk or shoot me an email.

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## OUR LEADERSHIP CURRICULUM

# iNSPIRED

Raising Tomorrow's Leaders



October's Literacy is:

## HEALTH

I take care of myself.

I make healthy choices.

I choose how I behave.

### Important Dates to Remember

We will be closed:

November 22 Thanksgiving Day

November 23 Thanksgiving

December 24 Christmas Eve

December 25 Christmas Day

We will close early:

December 31 *Closing at 4 pm*

### This Month's Celebrations

#### Children's Birthdays:

01 Emerie 6

Brayden 5

Ryder 5

03 Chase 5

05 Anna 6

06 Joshua 3

Aubrey 3

07 Iontae 4

10 Lexi 8

13 Jack 3

16 Cameron 4

17 Jason 11

19 Luke 11

20 Beau 7

Dexter 7

22 Paige 5

25 Mackenzie 5

26 Connor 3

27 Mikah 7

Wyatt 1

30 Mason 3

31 Cameron 9

Lorelei 3

#### Staff Birthdays:

01 Ms. Scarlett

04 Ms. Amber

07 Mr. James

10 Ms. Alex

#### Staff Anniversaries:

05 Ms. Jessica 3 yrs

09 Ms. Amber &  
Ms. Whitney 1 yr

11 Ms. Victoris & Ms.  
Shenequa 2 yrs

23 Ms. Mimi 1 yr

31 Ms. Brooke 1 yr

## October 2018 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>Roll w/ Butter</p> <p>Veggie Alfredo Mixed Veggies Fruit Cocktail</p> <p>Animal Crackers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>String Cheese</p> <p>(Turkey) Sloppy Joe on a Bun Salad Peaches</p> <p>Oatmeal Cookies</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>Corn Flakes Cereal</p> <p>Meatball <small>(Beef, Chicken, Turkey)</small>, Marinara, Roll, Green Beans Mandarin Oranges</p> <p>Cheez-Its</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>Cheerios Cereal</p> <p>Cheesy Chicken &amp; Rice, Broccoli Applesauce</p> <p>String Cheese</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>Waffles</p> <p>Chicken &amp; Cheese Sandwich, Cole Slaw Pineapples</p> <p>Trail Mix</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>Roll w/ Butter</p> <p>Mac &amp; Cheese Green Beans Pineapples</p> <p>Graham Crackers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>Cheerios Cereal</p> <p>Turkey Meat-a-Roni Salad Mandarin Oranges</p> <p>Animal Crackers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>String Cheese</p> <p>Beef Ravioli Broccoli Applesauce</p> <p>Oatmeal Cookies</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>Pancakes</p> <p>Turkey Hot Dog on a Bun, Cole Slaw Peaches</p> <p>Snack Mix</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>Corn Flakes Cereal</p> <p>Ham &amp; Cheese Sand- wich, Corn Fruit Cocktail</p> <p>Veggie Straws</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>Cheerios Cereal</p> <p>Baked Ziti Broccoli Fruit Cocktail</p> <p>Snack Mix</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>Corn Flakes Cereal</p> <p>Chicken Alfredo Corn Peaches</p> <p>Vanilla Wafers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>String Cheese</p> <p>BBQ Meatballs <small>(Beef, Chicken, Turkey)</small>, Roll, Mashed Pota- toes, Apple Slices</p> <p>Animal Crackers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>Waffles</p> <p>Mac &amp; Cheese w/ Beef Franks, Broccoli Pineapples</p> <p>Oatmeal Cookies</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>Roll w/ Butter</p> <p>Turkey &amp; Cheese Wrap, Salad Applesauce</p> <p>Trail Mix</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>Roll w/ Butter</p> <p>Cheese Lasagna Mixed Veggies Applesauce</p> <p>Animal Crackers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>Rice Krispies Cereal</p> <p>Spaghetti w/ Turkey Meat Sauce, Broc- coli Mandarin Oranges</p> <p>Trail Mix</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>String Cheese</p> <p>Beef Ravioli Green Beans Pineapples</p> <p>Oatmeal Cookies</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>Cheerios Cereal</p> <p>Baked Ziti w/ Turkey Meat, Corn Fruit Cocktail</p> <p>Graham Crackers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>Waffles</p> <p>Beef Hot Dog on a Bun, Cole Slaw Peaches</p> <p>S'mores Pudding</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>Cheerios Cereal</p> <p>Creamy Three Cheese Spaghetti, Corn, Apple Slices</p> <p>Oatmeal Cookies</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>String Cheese</p> <p>Turkey Sloppy Joe on a Bun, Green Beans Fruit Cocktail</p> <p>Animal Crackers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>Pancakes</p> <p>Meatball <small>(Beef, Chicken, Turkey)</small>, Marinara, Roll, Corn Peaches</p> <p>Cheez-Its</p>		<p>*Milk served with all meals unless otherwise noted*</p>