Dear Families,

November! Where does time go? Hopefully families have settled into their seasonal routines that definitely include time to enjoy a few of the most beautiful days of the year. “Routine” you say with a chuckle as you dart after your energetic child. As you may well know studies on child growth and development indicate that routines, continuity and familiar items are very comforting in the lives of young children. How often have we seen that special blanket or toy travel back and forth to school or received that last minute frantic call, “Fuzzy bear is missing and how are we going to sleep tonight?” For children routines offer the opportunity to learn time sequences, dealing with anticipation, the comfort found in familiarity, and the sense of order in lives. One method to ensure the quality of care and the continuity of relationships experienced by your children was established during the past few weeks when I met with the QualityStarsNY consultant assigned to CPS for our participation and review that involved several visits by an independent assessor. She spoke very highly of the results, the experiences, and indicated she wished she could transplant our staff and program to other sites under her guidance to model appropriate interactions. Congratulations to all the staff for their dedication and commitment to the young children and families of Campus Pre-School.

As we step up measures to keep illness at a minimum with the onset of flu season, we realize that handwashing and keeping children at home with flu like symptoms is imperative! We do realize how extremely difficult this can be, so please take the time to make arrangements with family, friends, classmates, or neighbors for assistance should the need arise. So please help us all remain healthy by washing hands upon entering classrooms and being mindful of the health policies in the Parent Handbook. A posting of influenza educational material, Seasonal Flu Guide for Parents, is available in the main hallway under Health & Safety that addresses why seasonal flu is serious, signs of influenza and how to protect your child from influenza. For more information on this matter visit, www.cdc.gov/flu or www.flu.gov.

To be more informed of the happenings at Campus Pre-School visit our website at: http://www.binghamton.edu/campus-pre-school, you will find the monthly newsletter and menu. Brief notifications, reminders & updates will be sent out via email, should you have questions with regard to a specific classroom please contact that staff directly. They are available by phone at 777-2695 or leave a number where you can be reached.

This is a busy month with Parent-Teacher Conferences, the Harvest Feast, and preparation for the Holiday Breakfast 12/7. Layer up and enjoy what fall still has to offer.

Peg Smith
Director

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our special thanks to:
Lisa Hrehor, Bridgette McManus
for their years of service and dedication to Campus Pre-School

Welcome aboard to:
Zach Staff, Erik Colon, Lucky Mason-Williams, Alyssa Barreiro
the new members of the Campus Pre-School Board
With continued support from:
Angeline JenksBrown, Lisa Altman, Steve Rebello, Jackie McKenna, April StJohn

Jackie McKenna
Board President
**WEE BEAR**

Happy 3rd Birthday to Bella and Izabella!

The Wees are very excited with the wind blowing the leaves. We have enjoyed raking them into a pile and running through them, and throwing them in the air.

We had fun with Halloween antics. We are experimenting with corn meal and making applesauce for Thanksgiving.

Our vocabularies are increasing and everyone loves the words “NO” and “MINE.” We as adults are reminded that they are becoming independent and this is one way of expressing their independence.

We have continued to venture out of doors, even with it being chilly. Please provide hats, and mittens for those chilly mornings.

Kelly
Louise
Sue

**POOH BEAR**

November is bringing many special days to the Pooh Bear room! We will start off the month with a week (November 4th-8th) dedicated to one of our favorite authors-Eric Carle. Thursday, November 7th, is also National Hug A Bear day, so we will have a pajama day! Please bring your child to school in his/her pajamas with his/her favorite teddy bear and we will watch The Very Hungry Caterpillar!

We will also celebrate National Nursery Rhyme week (November 11th-15th), learn about Community Helpers in honor of November being National Child Safety Month (November 18th-22nd), and then talk about food and making healthy choices (November 25th-27th) for National Nutrition Month. We will finish off the month with the CPS Feast!

Just a reminder...We go outside year round! As the weather gets colder, please bring boots, gloves, hats, and snowpants for your child. And don’t forget to label them with your child’s name, as we are continuously working on self help skills and the children are asked to put their belongings in their own cubbies. Every once and a while something gets misplaced, and if it is labeled we can return it to the proper cubby! Please check your child’s extra clothes bin also for season appropriate clothes.

Happy 3rd Birthday to Bella and Izabella!

Alisha
Nicole
Meghan

**HONEY BEAR**

In November we will continue our fall themes, introducing the color blue, turkeys, feathers, and preparing for our Fall Feast. The Bear Cubs will be baking pumpkin bread, making special placemats and hats for our special feast day.

Thank you to Lily H. for donating pumpkins to our classroom for carving and all the other parents that volunteered to do so, it was greatly appreciated. If at any time anyone would like to share any special project or holiday tradition, please feel free to do so. See Chris for scheduling a time to share.

Just a reminder about outdoor clothing. Now that the weather is getting cooler, your child will need a hat and mittens. If you do not have snow clothing (snowsuits, boots, hats, and mittens) this would be a good time to shop for them, before stores deplete their stock. If you have any questions on what works best for snow gear, please see Chris.

Finally, a little information on toddler development from an article I read.

“The primary task of toddlerhood is the struggle for autonomy and self mastery, this doing for oneself what has previously been done by others. The ambivalence about moving from dependence to independence changes from moment to moment, with accompanying emotional liability (quickly changing moods and varying ability to cope.) The intensity of toddler reactions is often overwhelming for those caring for the toddler. Other toddler stages include rapid language development, negativism and power struggles, solitary play moving towards parallel play, the beginning of development of social skills and the give and take of interactions and normal typical aggression which may include biting, hitting, pushing and grabbing toys. Toddlers learn through actions, by doing and experiencing, and most importantly, through play.

* Remember to sign up for parent/teacher conferences.

Chris, Jamie, Sheila
October came and went in a flash. The children had a blast learning all about pumpkins and played. All of our Halloween activities were a blast and the children’s costumes were great. We had an excellent time taking part in the parade and doing the special activities that were planned for us.

November begins the holiday season and we have Thanksgiving to celebrate! We will be having our annual feast at school. We have yet to decide what to make as our contribution to the feast. If you have an easy, kid-friendly recipe for us to consider, please bring it in!

We would like to wish Parmis Sadeghian a Happy 4th Birthday on November 22nd.

Happy Fall,

Gabe Michele Renee

Many thanks to all of the parents that made our field trip to Russell Farms such a success. We braved the elements and the children had a great time picking apples from the trees and choosing a pumpkin from the field. Thank you again for all of your help!

We have begun our “Panda Bear Adventures” for the year. The children are having a blast taking Panda home and sharing their adventures through the class. You can help encourage your child to begin writing about their adventures through scribbles and letters they recognize, or even words and sentences. These early literacy skills will help your child’s vocabulary grow and better prepare them for Kindergarten.

Some of the children are over zealous in waiting their turn with Panda “scratchy,” so please remind them that the lending library is always available for them to borrow the books and read with their buddies until their turn comes.

November brings cooler temperatures and colds. One of our themes is “cover that sneeze.” We’ll be exploring ways to keep our bodies and our friends healthy. You can help at home by reminding your child to cover those sneezes and coughs with their elbow to help keep our classroom germ free!

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Happy November Grizzly Families!

October was a great month with lots of real hands-on experiences. We started with a Fall theme and explored the seasonal changes in nature. We examined the trees and their leaves. As we observed the leaves changing color we began a color study. Not only did we learn about primary and secondary colors, but we also learned how to say the names of the colors in Spanish. Our very own Senorita Stacy has taught us a lot of new Spanish words using songs and games. Beyond colors, we’ve learned Spanish leaf songs, spider songs, and she even helped the Polar’s make a Spanish spider book.

In addition, we’ve had a fun month of field trips. Our first trip to Jump Start’s Read for the Record, at the Broome County Public Library was quite the experience. Everyone did a great job promoting early literacy! Our second field trip was to Russell Farms to pick our very own pumpkins right from the field. We had beautiful weather for our field trip and all of the Polar Bears had a memorable experience. Back in the classroom, we learned all about pumpkins and we did many activities with our pumpkins from the farm. We learned about the insides of pumpkins, how they grow, what you can make with them, and we even carved some of our pumpkins into jack-o-lanterns.

As Halloween got closer, we took the opportunity to delve into some spooky themes. We explored some real creepy crawly critters and some imaginary spooky creatures. The Polar Bears helped create a Haunted House right in the classroom and we learned lots of great spooky songs. Also, Halloween is always a good time for a lot of sensory experiences. We certainly worked on our fine motor strength and skills as we made, molded, and cut out our “Monster Slime” (Flubber).

November will be another busy month! Our themes will include Native Americans, Pilgrim Days, Turkeys, and Thankfulness. Our topics will be sensitive, accurate, and we will have a focus on respect and thankfulness. Get ready to celebrate the First Thanksgiving in the Polar Bear room!
Reminder
CPS will be closed
November 28th & 29th
for the
Thanksgiving Holiday.

CPS Harvest Feast
All of the children and staff of CPS will feast
together on Tuesday, November 26th in the CPS gym.
Each classroom will prepare a portion of the lunch.

SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!!
Our Annual Holiday Breakfast will be held on
Saturday, December 7th from 8:30 am-11:00 am.
More info to come soon!

Sick Policy
In the Parent Handbook, beginning
on page 29, you will find the CPS sick policy.
Please refer to the handbook when questioning your child’s health and whether they can attend CPS.

November is National Book Month!
What: Putnam Book Sale
When: November 9-16
Where: New Location:
Team World Warehouse, 350 Broome Industrial Park
TIMES:
Saturday, November 9
Monday, November 11
Tuesday, November 12
Wednesday, November 13
Thursday, November 14
Friday, November 15
Saturday, November 16
**Times to be Announced

Reminder
Fall is the time for warmer clothes and mud. Please make sure your child has extra clothes in their classroom.

Stickers!!!
Our sticker supply is getting low. If you have extra stickers at home and would like to donate them for the sticker box in the office, we would appreciate it!
Thank you!!!

What are the symptoms of the flu?
Symptoms of the flu can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea. Some people with the flu will not have a fever.

Staff Birthdays
Andrea Head 11-3
Nicky Auerbach 11-4
Megan O’Hearn 11-21