



MS. TOWNSEND'S KINDERGARTEN LOGOS OCTOBER NEWS



MONTH ONE - DONE!

I have enjoyed my first few weeks as your child's kindergarten teacher and getting to know each and every student in the class. I am looking forward to a great year together! The beginning of the year is a very busy time - the children are learning to put their coats and shoes away independently. Thank you for your support in this and continuing to practice zippers independently at home!

SCHOOL DAYS

8:30-3:04 Oct. 2, 9, 10, 12, 16, 19, 23, 24, 26 & 30

Please remain outside until the bell rings before and after school. In inclement weather, students will be permitted to wait in the boot room. Thank you!

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 2 - Thanksgiving Celebration
Oct. 5 - No School
Oct. 9 - Picture Day for Kindergarten
Oct. 16 - Chapel 2:15 PM
Oct. 19 - Snack Shack & Sparky the Fire Dog
Oct. 24 - Smetzer House Field Trip
Oct. 24 & 25 - Interviews

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION & SNACK SHACK

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving on Tuesday, October 2nd. We ask that each child bring a piece of fruit so that we can make a friendship fruit platter. Students will need their regular lunches still.

If you are able to volunteer from 9-9:30 AM to cut the fruit for us, please fill out the attached form.

At various times throughout the year, the GOALS classes put on "Snack Shack" for the school to enjoy. The treats are available to purchase, and are usually approx. \$2-\$5 depending on the snack. If you would like to send money for your child to purchase a snack on this day, please send it in a Ziploc bag in their agenda. All money will be handled by me or Mrs. Matz, our Educational Assistant.



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SHOW AND TELL

When it is your child's special day, they are more than welcome to bring in an item for show and tell. Please only send one item in, and try and brainstorm clues they can give about their Show and tell. The rest of the class will try to guess what it is that they brought in. Example:

1. It is fluffy
2. It has brown fur
3. It sleeps with me at night (a teddy bear).

Please do not send items that are precious or valuable.

PLAY-DOH RECIPE

1 cup white flour
¼ cup salt
2 tbsp Cream of Tartar
1 cup water
2 tsp food coloring (any color)
1 tbsp oil **I usually double the recipe

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Mix ingredients. Cook and stir over medium Heat for 3-5 minutes. It will look like a gloppy Mess, and you will think it isn't right. It is! When it forms a ball in the center of the pot, Take it out and knead it on a lightly floured Surface. Store in an air-tight bag.

PATTY THE PANDA

Some of you may have already met Patty the Panda, while others may be meeting him for the first time when your child brings him home at some point this year. Tuesday is Patty's "travel day" - please return Patty to school for the following Tuesday after you receive him (you may keep him for one week). If you are going on a special trip and would like to bring him along, please contact me ahead of time and I am happy to accommodate.

When Patty comes home, please take him on your daily adventures. Please be his scribe; your child can be his interpreter who tells you what Patty would like to write about his visit to your home. Please keep the writing and photos to one page. Please include photographs or drawings to accompany the writing. Your child will present about their week with Patty when he is returned! Enjoy! It is an excellent way to share a meaningful language experience.



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ALL ABOUT ME! CLASS PHOTO BOOK

If you haven't yet, please send your All About Me! page in. The students will be beginning to share their pages on their special day. The book will stay in the classroom on the bookshelf this year. The students love flipping through the pages and looking at the pictures of everyone!

SPARKY THE FIRE DOG

Sparky the Fire Dog will be joining us on October 19 to teach us about fire safety and how to STOP, DROP and ROLL.

SMELTZER HOUSE

We will be going to the Smeltzer House on October 24 in the morning. If you are able to volunteer on this field trip, please fill out the form. *NOTE: not all volunteers can be accepted. I will rotate volunteers for field trips if too many.

LOOKING FORWARD

November will be a busy and shortened month for us. We have the Remembrance Day Assembly and Fall Break from November 12-16. Report cards will be coming home, and we will be having an in-school field trip at the end of the month, accompanied by a Teddy Bear Picnic at the end of the month.

If you have any questions at any time, please don't hesitate to write a note in your child's agenda, or email me. I do my best to respond promptly.

Blessings,
Ms. Leah Townsend