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Millbrae Nursery School | Cooperative Preschool | Family Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Nov 2nd: Visit from Dr. Nick Bronzini the Dentist

Nov 4th: All Fired Up Ceramics
Picture Day Morning Classes

Nov 5th: Picture Day Afternoon Class

Nov 11th: Veterans Day - No School (see page 4 for Holiday Care information)

November 15th:
Housekeeping Party 9 am - 12 pm

Nov 16th - 25th: Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov 21st: Housekeeping Party (K-Z families)

Nov 25th: Staff and Parent Potluck

Nov 26th - 27th: Thanksgiving Break - No School

Dec 5th: Maintenance Party (A-J families) 9 am - 1 pm

Dec 12th: Winter Party 10 am - 1 pm

From the Director

Can you feel the change in the air...? FALL is here! What a wonderful time of the year. The leaves are falling from our trees; there is a cool breeze in our yard. Comfort food is the scent in the kitchen, make sure that you wear your jackets on your work day; the fresh air never made anyone sick. The kiddos enjoy running and playing in this fall-autumn air and the leaves on the ground. They are forecasting a rainy season!

The Two Yr. Class of Teacher Megan and Teacher Norma gave everyone a frightfully good time organizing our Halloween Social. Thank you to all of the families, and Berliz for your work. What amazing family themes we had this year. I was quite impressed.

Thank You to all of the families that supported our Walk a Thon. The Kiddos were amazing in the laps that they did some did 15. We were able to raise \$2760. to support our Extra Curriculum Activities...Coach Steve and Ms. Katie.. remember all the kiddos get to enjoy these activities!

Parent Conferences will be starting in NOVEMBER please sign up and share some of your goals that you have for your child. Building a Partnership with you is critical to your child's success in school. By working together we can support your child.

With the San Mateo County Office of Education we are looking at ways to make our math and science area sparkle. If you have ideas to share please let us know.

Thank you to Trina for coordinating our field trips and guest speakers. The kiddos will have a visit from the Dentist Dr. Nick. We will be practicing fire drills at school and the kiddos are letting us know when to stop and listen, and to find a grown-up during our drills. It is very important for the Teacher/Parents to remain calm and follow instructions on how to exit the building.

The adults had a workshop with KID POWER. Great information was offered, I hope everyone enjoyed the speaker.

I know this time of the year will get very busy for everyone, but try to take a breath and enjoy each day. The staff and I hope you have a wonderful and restful THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY WITH THOSE THAT YOU LOVE.

Enjoy the season...

Teacher Brigidan

Teacher Megan and Teacher Norma's Class - 2/3 year olds

This month has been a busy month for us. We are growing by leaps and bounds. Many of the children have become more vocal and it is so exciting to see the younger ones find a voice and just as exciting to hear the older kiddos express themselves with others. Our first field trip to the pumpkin patch was a great success. We hope you enjoyed it as well. We enjoyed seeing all the children dressed up in their costumes and hope everyone has a safe and great trick-or-treat experience. In the class this month the kiddos did a lot of exploring and looking at pumpkins and what is inside pumpkins. We got some interesting answers and I think the kiddos had fun figuring it all out. We worked on counting with seeds and worked on matching numbers on pumpkins. We had fun trying to trace our name and we had fun with paint and glue when decorating our own paper jack-o-lanterns.

During the month of November, our focus will be what we are thankful for in our lives. The two's will also look around to see what the fall season brings. They will be exploring the leaves, corn and the difference in the weather. Please look at the curriculum to see what other fun activities we will be doing this month.

Please remember that with the season change so does our weather and the wetter it may become. We will be going outside on some raining days so please make sure to dress your child appropriately. Rain boots, snow boots, rain jackets and thick jackets would be excellent things to have at school or dress your child in on those days.

Some important things to know are:

- Cold weather does not cause colds or flu. The viruses that cause colds and flu tend to be more common in the winter, when children are in school and are in closer contact with each other.
- Frequent hand washing and teaching your child to sneeze or cough into the bend of her elbow may help reduce the spread of colds and flu. If you have any questions, please speak with Teacher Norma or Teacher Megan.

Teacher Norma & Teacher Megan

Class Wish List:

- Leaves - Real or Fake!
- Take Out Menus
- Empty Ethnic Food Packages
- Old Winter Clothes
- Card Stock Paper



Teacher Sandra -3/4 year olds



October was a great month! We had our first field trip of the year to Farmer John's Pumpkin Patch. The kiddos got to see, feel, and learn about different kinds of pumpkins and got to pick out their very own! We had our Family Halloween party and the Halloween parade. The teachers acted out the story, "Big Pumpkin". It was so much fun!

In class, we painted, investigated, discussed, planted and read about pumpkins. We compared the different kinds of pumpkins and gourds using our senses of touch, sight, and smell. We talked about their seeds and the growth cycle of a pumpkin. Bones was another topic we went over- the children loved learning that teeth are the only bones we can see outside of our bodies!

For November, we will be talking about family, food and traditions. We will also discuss the season- Fall leaves, weather changes, who and what we are thankful for. We will be using nature as our art medium and reading stories about fall, trees and forest animals. Fire safety will also be a topic we will be taking about with some special members of our community coming over for a visit! Parent-Teacher conferences will be taking place later in the month with sign up sheets available soon.

*All the best,
Teacher Sandra*

Class Wish List:

- Walgreens gift card (for portfolio photos)
- Michael's gift card
- Beige 8.5x11 cardstock (can be found at Michaels in packs of 50)
- Variety of buttons
- 2 Packs of Black Permanent Markers (Thin and Thick)

Teacher Brigidan & Teacher Sasha -Pre-K



We want to thank the Two year old class parents for a wonderful Halloween Party. The turnout was surprising and everyone had a good time.

Thank you to everyone who helped. You were all great!

This month we would like our families to talk with your kiddo about special traditions that you have and celebrate in your homes.

1. What food has become a tradition in your family? Old or New traditions?
2. What special item would you, consider a treasure; what would your kiddo say?
3. What is your child's favorite song at this time?

These conversations can bring wonderful insight at home and at our snack table. My girls are now continuing with the customs and traditions that they were raised with. It is great to see that next generation continue on.

“Let’s play” will be our social and cognitive focus; welcoming all the kiddos to play and work together. Still finding and developing “ SOLUTIONS “ to the disagreements we may have. The class is starting to offer their own solutions and that is awesome to watch!

This month we say goodbye to Howard and his family and as they go back home to China. Alyssa will be going on holiday to China also. We wish them all a safe trip. It has been wonderful to have these families with us.

Always,

Teacher Briqidan & Teacher Sasha

Fundraising

Thanks to all of the families for their support in the Walk-a-thon. It was a success because of your support!

Remember to order your their Fire It Up ceramics, which will take place the first week of November at MNS. Five dollars of each ceramic piece purchased will go toward the fundraising requirement.

Our See's Candy Online Fundraiser is [from November 1, 2015 to December 4, 2015](#). All families should have received an email, with a link to purchase holiday candies. A portion of each purchase will go toward the fundraising requirement. If you need more information, please contact Leslie Chu or Heidi Lee.

Don't forget to go on [restaurant.com](#) and [escrip.com](#) to shop! Part your proceeds will go towards your fundraising requirement!

School Wish List:

- Shaped bean bags (for tossing!)
- Blender (Ninja or Vitamix)



Holiday Care

Millbrae Nursery School is open on select school holidays, but we need the minimum of 6 children to offer care.

Please contact Carla to sign up.

Wed, November 11 (Veterans Day)

M,T,W, December 21-23 and 28-31 (Winter Break)

Mon, January 18 (MLK jr.)

Fri & Mon, February 12-15 (President's Holiday)

Mon - Fri, March 28-31, April 1 (Spring Break)

Mon - Fri, June 13-17 (Pre-Summer Session Break)

Cost for Holiday care is as follows:

Full-day 8 am - 5:30 pm

5 days \$350

4 days \$290

3 days \$225

2 days \$155

1 day \$80

Part-day 9 am - 12 pm

5 days \$175

4 days \$145

3 days \$113

2 days \$78

1 day \$40

