

Pembroke News

October 2016

Miss Andrea - Director

Wow! Hard to believe we have been in school for six weeks already! All the classrooms are happy environments where there is a healthy hum of activity. The corridor is filled with interesting and colorful student art.

Our 6th Annual Halloween Trick or Treat Celebration is Friday, October 21st. The corridor of Pembroke is transformed into a spook-tacular event from 5-6:30 PM. Classroom doorways and maybe a teacher or two, will be transformed into a trick-or-treat delight. We encourage adults and children alike to dress in their favorite costume. Please, **NO MASKS** for two reasons: scary masks frighten young children and they often provide limited visibility causing a tripping hazard. This is an event for the whole family – siblings are welcome! Stop in the Wiggle Room after trick or treating to enjoy a Halloween treat. Watch for RSVP and sign-up sheets.

Individual Child Reports and Parent-Teacher Conferences: Our first Individual Child Reports are going home this week. A more detailed report will be sent via Teaching Strategies on a monthly basis. Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday afternoon, Nov. 3rd and all day Friday, Nov. 4th. Teachers will discuss the first three Individual Child Reports at this time. There will be no classes at Pembroke on Friday, Nov. 4th.

Preschool Sports: Coach Craig from Preschool Sports has started **FALL I**, the first of two sports sessions tailor-made for preschoolers. In **FALL I**, Coach Craig introduces the basics of soccer, football, and kickball. He teaches basic skills and drills in a fun, non-competitive way to our young athletes. Our children love it! Stop by and check it out!

The second 4-week session, **FALL II**, starts the first week of November. This 4-week session will continue to build soccer and kickball skills as well as introduce hockey and basketball.

If you are interested in having your child participate in this fun activity, be sure to register at www.preschoolsports.org. The cost of this 4-week session is \$45. You can register your child for either a Wednesday or Thursday class. However, a class may be cancelled if we do not get enough interest.

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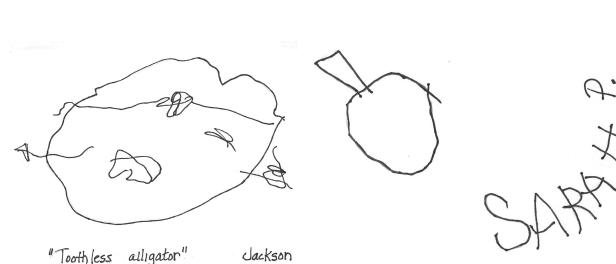
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October Newsletter Artwork

Contributing to the beautiful artwork decorating our October newsletter are Pembroke artists: Mia, Hunter, Maddie B., Stella, Sarah P., Aiden, Josh, Payton, Sam, Jackson, Landon, and MacKenzie.

Their inspiration was: All things fall. We hope these sketches make you smile as much as we did!



Miss Sue and Miss Elissa - Mixed Age

As we say "goodbye" to summer and "hello" to autumn, the children have been settling in to routines. We love to see your children become more independent by hanging up their backpacks, washing their hands and identifying/signing in for their daily job. Children thrive on structure and begin to tell time by the different events of the day. We have seen many new friendships blossom, and we are there to help some of our younger friends enter into a new play situation.

We have just finished our themes of colors/shapes. We have learned that shapes and colors are EVERYWHERE! Our next theme is Fall/Trees/Acorns. We are planning some very cute art, so be on the lookout for those. With our field trip to Burnham Orchard, we will have a fun apple week where we will taste test different colored apples and make applesauce in the classroom.

Our first Story Time, sponsored by Avon Lake Library, was a huge success. The library will be visiting our school every other Thursday with fun books, finger plays, felt boards, or stuffed animals. Music with Mr. Steve has also started. The children love singing and getting their wiggles out.

In the next couple of weeks we will start journaling. This is a time for the children to draw anything they want (could be scribbling at first), and then tell the teacher what they have drawn. The older children will start to sound out and write letters about their journal drawings.

Our Mystery Bag starts going home in October. Each day, one child will take the bag home and bring it back on the next day they come to school with one toy in it. It's like Show and Tell. This is a great opportunity for your child to talk in front of the class and bring something special to school. Be on the lookout for the Mystery Bag!

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Miss Carrie and Miss Andrea - Mixed Age

It's hard to believe that October is here! The children are comfortable with the routine of the classroom and are forming new friendships. Our students are working hard to write their names and are practicing using proper pencil grip to form letters. They are encouraged to choose daily jobs, which promotes citizenship and a sense of classroom community.

Over the last few weeks, the children have been exploring self-identity by sharing "All About Me" books. During the final week of September we discussed various types of farms, such as the apple orchard we just visited.

Looking ahead, we will continue to use Handwriting Without Tears, which helps children to identify and practice long/short lines and big/small curves to form their letters. We encourage children to begin their name in all capital letters because they are easier to master. Please remember this is a process, and we believe praising your child for any effort to master these skills is very important.

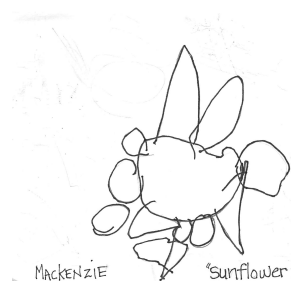
Starting in October, a classroom version of *Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See* will be sent home with a different child every week. We ask that you share *Children, Children What Do You See* with your child and then return it to the class so other children can have an opportunity to do the same thing. This promotes a love of literacy, language, identifying friends' names and a sense of belonging as well as community.

We are beginning a fun and very interesting pre-reading activity by introducing an Environmental Print wall. We are asking families to point to different signs and objects and to ask children to "read" them. You will be surprised at how many logos and street signs your children are already reading! Cereal boxes, stop signs, fast food signs, sports logos (surely every Clevelander knows the Cavs and Indians logos). You get the idea. Have fun and bring in lots of signage your children can read.

This month, we will explore specific concepts such as the life cycle of apples and pumpkins and the changes that we observe taking place outside our classroom window. We continue to encourage the children to share with one another, use their words, and to make good choices.

Please feel free to speak to us about any concerns you may have. We can be reached at:

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Miss Sarah and Miss Kathy - Young 3s

Young 3's is having a great start to the year! We have spent the first few weeks of school getting to know the routines of our classroom and learning skills for getting along with peers. For instance, we are reading *Hands are Not for Hitting*, a wonderful book about the positive actions we can take with our hands as well as how to use words, rather than hands, to communicate needs.

After a couple of weeks orienting to school, we started a color study unit. During these couple of weeks, the students practiced mixing paints and identifying the colors they made, explored colored wands on the light table, and listened to stories about colors. Surrounding our field trip to the apple orchard, we are now doing a fall unit. We are having lots of fun playing in the fall-themed sensory table, making a tree decoration, and so much more.

We are really enjoying getting to know your children! Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments.

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Miss Theresa - All-Day Pre-K

September was a great month in Pre-K! The children have very quickly become independent in following the routines and rules of our classroom. New friendships are being formed and it is very rewarding to watch as they grow socially as well as academically! A favorite part of their day is our afternoon specials. They already know what special we have each day!

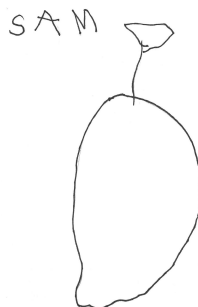
In listening to the children's discussions at meeting time and during free choice, it was very evident that they enjoyed sharing all places they had been. To capitalize on their interest, we had a unit on the World Around Us. We discussed that we live on the earth, in the United States and near Lake Erie. After talking about the cities we live in, we made houses with our address on them. They were very proud of them and showed them to several visitors to our classroom. They continue to play with the houses and are learning their addresses. In following the lead of the children, I hope to teach them to value of their own interests, to trust their instincts, and to respect themselves!

In October we will continue to observe the world around us as we observe the changes that Fall brings.

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"Dinosaur" by Hunter



Miss Sarah - PM Pre-K

We have had a busy and fun September in afternoon Pre-K! The children have been learning the daily routine and developing friendships as they work and play together.

We started the year learning about bucket-filling. In this concept, we imagine that each person has an invisible bucket that they carry around all the time. When others do something that makes us feel happy, our buckets are filled. We can also fill our own buckets by telling ourselves kind things or helping other people. The students are working on a goal to get to 100 bucket-filling actions! They are very excited to color in the chart and watch our progress. Additionally, to strengthen our classroom community, we have been greeting each other with a handshake at daily meeting time. The students have learned the song, "Give them your right hand, look them in the eye, put a smile on your face, then say hi!" This also reinforces the concept of right and left, which is helpful when learning to write.

The students have shown a lot of interest in the hermit crabs in our classroom, so our first study of the year has been about hermit crabs. We have learned about the shells that hermit crabs inhabit and why they live in shells, including the concepts of "predator" and "prey." We have also learned about molting and how to take care of crabs when they are molting. It has been such a privilege to go through the process of collecting observations ("I See"), formulating questions ("I Wonder") and doing research and more observation to find out the answers ("I Discovered") with such curious and creative children!

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Time to Refresh Clothing

Now that the weather is changing and fall is here, please check your child's extra clothing box in their classroom to make sure they have weather-appropriate clothing. It's time to exchange shorts and short-sleeved shirts for long pants and warmer tops and socks.

No School - Friday, Oct. 14th

Pembroke will be CLOSED on Friday, Oct. 14th for NEOEA Day. School will resume on Monday, Oct. 17th.

We are OPEN on Monday, Oct. 10th, Columbus Day.

Halloween Celebration - Friday, Oct. 21st, 5 - 6:30 PM

Our Halloween celebration is a family event! We welcome students, parents, and siblings to dress up, trick or treat through our decorated halls, and stop in the Wiggle Room for some Halloween refreshments.

Look for more information to be sent home.

NOTE: We encourage students attending school on Wednesday, Oct. 26th, and Thursday, Oct. 27th, to wear orange and black, but no costumes, please. Our classrooms will have special Halloween activities and refreshments.

Box Tops for Education

We have a new Box Tops Coordinator this year, Michele Wolters. If you volunteered to help with this program, Michele will be contacting you soon. Each classroom has a collection container. Just clip the emblems and drop them in your child's classroom container. Encourage family and friends to help us!

We will be launching a friendly competition between classrooms in the near future to see which classroom can collect the most box tops. The classroom that collects the most box tops will enjoy a special treat.

The Box Tops emblem can be found on hundreds of products. You can also earn eBox Tops for our school. Before you shop online, check out BTF.com/marketplace.

Thank you for your support!

Pembroke Tutoring

Pembroke offers one-to-one and group tutoring for pre-kindergarten through 8th grade. Each student's program is built around his/her personal needs. If you know of a friend or neighbor that could benefit from our services, please tell them about us. We offer tutoring focused on new legislation relating to the "Third Grade Reading Guarantee."

Before and After School Care

Do you have to leave for work before the school day begins or do you need a safe place for your child after school? Consider Pembroke's Before & After Care Program. Designed for students in Preschool through 6th grade, we provide a safe, supportive environment guided by experienced teachers. Call the office for more information.

School Absences

We appreciate a phone call when your child is absent due to illness or other reasons. Please call the office as soon as you know your child will not be attending school - 440-933-3782.

Dates to Remember

- Oct. 16 NEOEA Day - NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 21 All School Halloween Celebration 5 - 6:30 PM
- Oct. 26-27 Classroom Halloween Parties
- Nov. 3 Evening Conferences
- Nov. 4 Conferences - NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 10 Curriculum Night - 5 - 6:30 PM
- Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 28 School Resumes

Keep up to date with school activities by checking our school calendar in the Parent section of our website: www.pembrokekids.com.

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