

Pembroke Kids

October 2009
Newsletter

October 8th at 3:30 pm or Friday, October 9th at 9:30 am.
The classes are not limited to Pembroke Kids. Tell your friends!

Miss Robyn and Miss Sue's Class

We are having a wonderful time getting to know all of our new friends. We have been learning our friend's names, our classroom routine, how to use our words to communicate our needs and feelings, and self-help skills. All of these skills make the children more confident and successful in the classroom. Now that we are off to a good start, we are ready for some fun!

Our upcoming themes are Farms, Fall, Transportation (as requested by a few children in the room) and Nocturnal Animals.

Director's Notes

October is going to be a busy month! Our first field trip to Burnham Orchards is 10/6 for the Preschool and 10/7 for the Kindergarten class. Please plan to attend even if it is not one of your regular school days! Remember, the trip is rain or shine. We're certainly hoping for the latter...

No School Columbus Day, observed Friday 10/16.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday 10/19 and 10/20, with no school for children. Sign-up sheets will be posted by the classroom doors Monday, October 5th. Please choose a time to chat with your child's teachers.

Flu season is upon us. We are being cautious. I encourage you to consider receiving flu vaccines. Lorain County has scheduled times at several locations. Check their link for information:

<http://www.loraincounty.com/health/flu-clinics.shtml>.

A reminder: children must stay home if they have a fever. They must also be fever free with no medication for 24 hours before returning to school.

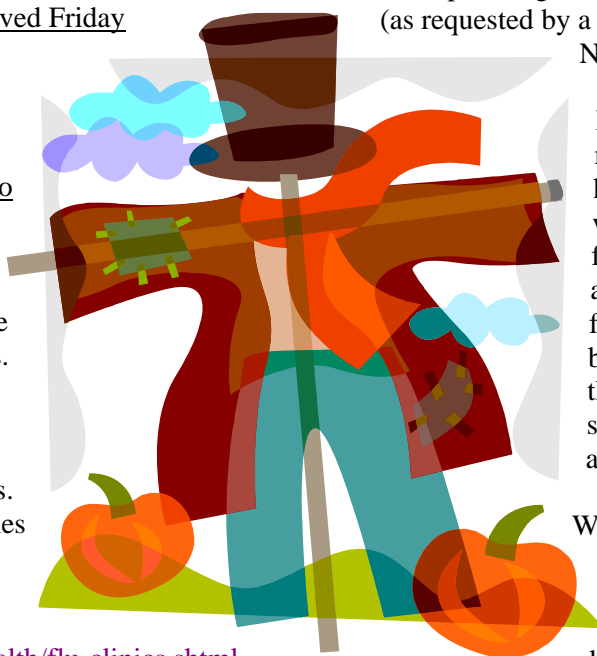
The importance of play for young children is in the news again! This NYT article highlights the long lasting benefits of imaginative play. Here is the link:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/27/magazine/27tools-t.html?scp=5&sq=right%20kind%20of%20play&st=cse>.

Music with Susan Vance

We are thrilled to have Susan Vance offer her music program here at Pembroke Kids! She will have a class for preschool aged children Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:15 am (for children not attending class at Pembroke Kids Tuesday morning!), and again on Thursday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:15 pm.

We're so excited that we would like you and your child to attend a demonstration lesson either Thursday,



Mambo, our classroom stuffed monkey, has already made a few trips home with friends. He is having a wonderful time getting to see what our friends do at home. Each child will get a chance to take Mambo home for a few days. We are making a classroom book with all of the pictures and stories that the children are bringing back to school. They love sharing their adventures with the rest of the class.

We would like to make a classroom scarecrow. There will be sign-up sheet outside our door for items that we need and volunteers to help build him/her.

Name recognition has been a focus during the first few months. The children are finding their names for the job jar, at circle time, in their cubbies, and during many group games. As we begin to get more comfortable with this skill, we will be working on writing our names. If you would like some tips on ways to work on this at home please see one of us in the morning. You can always email us with questions or concerns: Robyn@pembrokekids.com or Sue@pembrokekids.com.

Miss Kim and Miss Chrissy's Classes

We have had a wonderful start to the school year, and have enjoyed getting to know your child! The first two weeks of school focused on classroom rules and routines, and getting to know our school. We then focused on All About Me, and our Friends and Family. The past two weeks, we have been learning about pets and the children have loved playing in the vet's office to keep our pets healthy.

Looking ahead to October, we are excited to be getting ready for our fall festivities! We will be learning about apples and are excited about our upcoming trip to Burnham Orchards. We will also be learning about fall and the changes that come along with the new season! The children will be taking nature walks and gathering natural materials for art projects, sorting, and exploring. Before you know it, it will be time to talk about pumpkins and Halloween! Make sure you check the lesson plan sheet each week to see what we have planned for our classroom. We are looking forward to a great school year!

As the weather begins to get cooler, children need to wear appropriate clothing for outside, since we go out everyday. We are trying to teach the children to be independent when putting on coats, and ask that you encourage your children to do it themselves at home. **Easy Tip: put coat on floor with hood by their feet, have child slide arms in sleeves, and flip over head. Here is a rhyme to remember the sequence. "Put the tag by your toes; put your arms in the holes. Up and over your head it goes."

Miss Kelly's Class

The Triangle Room has had a very busy and exciting start to the school year! We've spent lots of time getting to know our classroom, our school, and our friends. We have been learning the routines and expectations as well as how to be a good friend to others. We have also begun learning to take responsibility for ourselves and to become more independent. We will continue to work on these things throughout the school year.

The Triangle Room has also been learning many, many new things! At the very beginning of the school year, we got to know ourselves and our new friends better during our "All About Me" week. As a newly formed classroom community, we discovered how we are alike and how we are different, and that this makes each of us special in our own way. The following week we experimented with all sorts of musical instruments. We made kazoos and hand drums, we played the hanging spoons and water glasses, and we even made musical paintings. We had a blast making and discovering music all around us. In the days that followed, we continued using our ears for hearing, along with our eyes, nose, hands, and mouth, as we learned about our five senses. Throughout this hands-on week, we smelled, tasted, listened, touched, and saw all kinds of interesting things.

We used our senses to become more aware and learn things about the world around us. Finally, we took a week to more closely examine the post office and its mail carriers as community helpers. We spent lots of time writing postcards, delivering envelopes, painting a huge post office, and even mailing real letters to ourselves. We had a lot of fun and learned so much!

October is packed with many more learning opportunities for the Triangle Room. We will be learning about the rainforest, transportation, autumn, and nocturnal animals. (With each change in theme, we will also be transforming our oh-so-fun box building into something new to explore!) This month we will begin journaling daily and signing in upon arrival too. Exciting things are in store for the Triangle Room in the weeks ahead!

Miss Brooke and Miss Jackie's Class

This month has been such a wonderful time for us to all get to know each other. Our young threes have made great strides already since our first meeting in August. We have focused strongly on routine and procedure in addition to our weekly themes. All the children seem to be adjusting to their morning, circle time, snack, and choice time routines. We have been focusing on helping the children better articulate their needs when they require assistance or would like an object in the classroom. We are modeling appropriate language and role-playing with the children to reinforce appropriate peer interactions.

Next month we will be exploring themes of pumpkins, nocturnal animals and things that go bump in the night! We look forward to our field trip to Burnham Orchards on October 6th. We have noticed that many of the children are heading home with various art materials on their clothing. While we enjoy the process very much in our classroom we don't want to ruin your child's entire wardrobe! If you wish, you may send in a personal art shirt for them to wear that covers much of their outfit and sleeves. Please label the shirt with their name and we will do our best to make sure they wear it during especially messy activities. Happy Fall!

