

# Sandcastle Child Care

## Newsletter

### October 2018



**Sandcastle**



# October News

Dear Parents:

October is upon us! As much as we don't want to admit it, the weather will be turning cooler. Please remember to update your child's extra clothing so that they are the correct size and seasonally appropriate. It's also important to remember a jacket for the chillier days! Also, please remember to label **all** items that your child brings to school! This will ensure that their special treasures won't get misplaced.

October is the month for our annual Food Program paperwork to be collected. You will be receiving both the Food Program Enrollment Form and the Household Income Statement Form. Please fill out both of these, making sure to fill in the information on both sides. When they are completed return them to the office. If you have any questions on how to fill out the forms, please see Rachael, Lisa, or Wendy. If you are new to Sandcastle and have recently filled these forms out, we still need you to do this! These forms help the state determine how much reimbursement we will receive for the meals we serve.

Please remember to sign your child in & out every day. This helps the bookkeeper who has to fill in the missing times every week and it is requirement for licensing to have it filled in.

## A few dates to remember:

- Scholastic Book Fair will be October 15<sup>th</sup>- October 19<sup>th</sup> in the library.
- Sandcastle's Open House will be October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Lifetouch will be taking school pictures on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Our classrooms will celebrate Halloween on October 31<sup>st</sup>. **If you choose to send treats with your child, please remember that they must be store bought, age appropriate and nut free!**

We hope everyone has a safe and spooky Halloween.  
Jennifer, Wendy, Lisa, and Rachael





## CHILD CARE CENTER

Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop a stronger love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in the home. Update this collection routinely to keep pace with changing tastes and reading skills.
- Support our center's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings to our center the books kids want to read. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

**Book Fair dates:** October 15<sup>th</sup> – October 19<sup>th</sup>

**Shopping hours:** 6:30AM -6:00PM

**Special activities:** Open House: Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Before you visit the Book Fair, be sure to download the Book Fairs app to help you find the right books for your child. For more information, visit: [scholastic.com/apps/bookfairs](http://scholastic.com/apps/bookfairs). And if you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at [scholastic.com/fair](http://scholastic.com/fair). Our online Fair is available from March 28<sup>th</sup> – April 10<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit your child's classroom.

This year, one of our goals is to ensure as many children as possible receive books and have access to books. One of the ways we can do that is through the All for Books program. With your help, all of the money collected goes to purchasing books for **Joseph's Coat**.

Not only does your donation help our cause but Scholastic Book Fairs will match monetary donations raised with a donation of up to **one million books** to two non-profit organizations dedicated to helping children, families, and teachers: Kids In Need Foundation and Kids in Distressed Sit

Please take a moment to donate \$1 or loose change!  
Sincerely,





Lisa Durst  
Book Chairperson

Joseph's Coat is a free store and community support organization located at 1107 West 7th Street in St. Paul, Minnesota.

### **THE MISSION:**

In fulfilling its mission as a free store providing goods and service to those in need, within an environment of dignity and respect, Joseph's Coat maintains an inclusive philosophy toward the community's neediest and often most marginalized members. People of all ages, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, abilities and challenges are welcomed and served. The organization offers essential support to low-income families, the homeless, those living on fixed incomes, the working poor, new immigrants, the unemployed, those recently released from prison, and individuals battling chemical addictions and mental health issues.

Joseph's Coat provides a welcoming environment where the dignity of each person who comes through its doors is acknowledged and affirmed. We strive to foster a sense of community between those facing hardship and our volunteers and donors who are the strength and energy of Joseph's Coat.

### **HISTORY:**

Joseph's Coat was founded in 1989 in response to the need for no-cost clothing, personal and household items by the homeless in St. Paul's inner city. Joseph's Coat was conceived as a place where volunteers would donate their time and resources to provide the needed items and would join with the poor to create a storefront community that extended welcome, acceptance and respect for all.

Originally housed on St. Peter Street in downtown St. Paul, Joseph's Coat has relocated several times as larger quarters to accommodate growing needs have become available. In March of 2003, the organization moved to its current site at 1107 West 7th Street where it provides essential goods and service to approximately 700 individuals each week.

Joseph's Coat receives no public funding and relies on the generosity of individuals and organizations to meet its general operating and program expenses. Please help those we serve by making a donation!

All money collected in the '**All For Books**' collection will be used to purchase books for this organization.





# **BOOK FAIR**

## **EVERYONE'S INVITED!**



**Dear Parents and Families,**

**You are invited to attend a special event at our school...  
a Scholastic Book Fair!**

**Included with this note is a copy of the Book Fair Book List. It highlights some of the books featured at the Fair. All were carefully selected by educators and editors. Experts agree that reading stimulates your child's imagination and creativity and is the foundation of a lifelong learner. We ask you to celebrate the joy of reading by helping your child select books to read.**

**While you're visiting the fair, we also encourage you to support our Classroom Wish List program to help your child's teacher build his/her classroom library. Simply select a Book Donation Card or Gift Certificate from the pocket displaying the group's name that you wish to support. Take the book or the Gift Certificate to the cashier with payment and ask for a bookplate to sign.**

**We look forward to seeing you at the Scholastic Book Fair  
October 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, and at the open house on  
Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**We accept cash, checks, and credit cards at our Book Fair.**

**Sincerely,  
Lisa Durst  
Book Fair Chairperson**



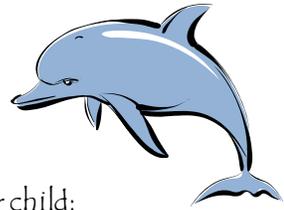
Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm-7:00pm

- Opportunity to visit with the staff and spend time with your child at school
- Hot dogs, apples, and chips will be served
- Art activities for parents to do with their children
  - Scholastic Book Fair
  - Cookie Decorating

\*No activities in the infant building but please come and visit the toddler-preschool building for fun activities & dinner

## "Infant Information"



### Dolphins: (Danette, Jackie, and Rose)

Your child's development changes between 2-3 months; they start smiling and cooing at people, they can hold their head upright when held; and their hands start to unfold. You will also notice that your child:

- moves his/her arms and legs easily.
- can lift chest off of the floor when laying on his / her tummy.
- will tilt head up at 45 degrees.
- will follow movements through a 180 degree arc.
- startles at sudden loud noises.
- enjoys being held, soothed and cuddled.

At this age you will also be able to start to distinguish the difference between their hunger and wet cries.

Some simple games you can play during this developmental period are Peek-A-Boo, Pat-A-Cake, "Where's Your Nose?", and "What Does the Cat Say?". As they get older and more familiar with the games, you can add things to expand the experience. Using an animal book to show pictures when you play "What does the Cat Say?" or holding a blanket between the two of you when playing Peek-A-Boo.

We hope everyone has a great, safe, and Happy Halloween!

### Seahorses: (Jody, Isabel, Jessica, Angie, Denise, and Carol)



It's October and we will be exploring fall. We're going to play with leaves and exploring pumpkins. We will let the children touch the pumpkins and we might even open one up to see what is inside.

We will work on doing some art with the children, singing some new songs and enjoying the fall weather! We have been working on the signs- all done, more, & milk.



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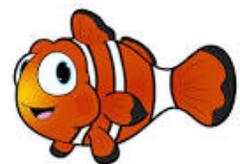


Milk

Help us by putting warm clothing in their cubbies.

### Clownfish: (Miracle, Q, Tiffany, and Emily)

We had a wonderful September filled with new friends and teachers. We learned about our bodies and our five senses- sight, smell, hearing, taste, and touch. We had a blast tasting pickles and we had fun exploring touch with lots of finger painting. Now we are saying goodbye to summer and hello to autumn!



For this month, we are taking a field trip to the fire station during fire prevention week and Lietner's to pick out pumpkins. We will learn about the changing weather. We would like to remind you now that it is getting cooler, please bring in sweaters/ jackets and shoes. We do go outside to play in the court yard and on walks in the buggies. Also please make sure your child has extra clothes because we get messy!

Thanks- Miracle, Tiffany, Emily, Q, and Meriah

# “Totally Toddlers”

## **Sea Lions: (Debbie and Brandye)**

We are so excited for October. We are going to do a Wild, Wild West theme in honor of National Country Music Month. We will have microphones, cowboy hats, bandanas, and hay stacks in home living. In blocks we will have farm houses, farm animals, and miniature haystacks. Also, during the month we will have two dances, kids in the kitchen, science, and in the sensory table we will “pan for gold.”



Where did September go? Thanks to everyone who brought in the pictures we asked for. We had fun doing name art, family art, and hero art. We also had fun having birthday parties and singing “Happy Birthday” to everyone.

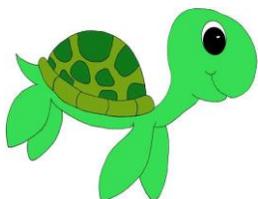
If you have anything relating to wild west or farms and would like to add it to our classroom, we would love it.

Things you can do at home with your child:

- Go and visit a farm
- Talk about Halloween or read stories and visit a pumpkin patch
- Come to our Open House on October 18<sup>th</sup>!

If you have any questions or concerns, you can get a hold of Debbie M-F (6:30-1:00), Brandye M,W,F (8:30-5) T,Th (7:30-4:00) and Barb M-F (9:30-6:00)

## **Sea Turtles: (Brittney, Sarah, and Molly)**



In the month of September, the Sea Turtles had an adventurous month by Leafing Summer Behind. We went on a nature walk and collected wonderful nature items to make beautiful collages. We had a great time partying like pirates and finally to close out the 1<sup>st</sup> month of back to school, we celebrated Mr. Johnny Apple Seed’s birthday. The turtles are totally stoked to jump into our Haunted Howl-O-Ween. We are going to have a Spooktacular

time! Keep an eye on the calendar for lots of fun activities we have planned for the month of October.

## **Sea Crabs: (Laura, Myesha, and Rosa)**

Can you believe it’s already October is here already!? That means fall is coming and cooler weather, so please make sure your child’s cubby has warm clothes in it and a jacket. This past month we learned all about back to school! We got to color with pencils and learn all about apples and how they grow. We even made bagel pizzas for kids in the kitchen. This month our theme will be Going to the Farm! We will be dressing like a farmer, making monster art and celebrating national denim day on October 5<sup>th</sup>. This month is also our open house and we will be having a Halloween party on October 31<sup>st</sup> so come in your costume and ready to trick or treat around the neighborhood! Our color this month is orange and the shape is rectangle.



Things to do at home:

- Visit the apple orchard
- Visit a petting zoo
- Decorate your house for Halloween/fall

# “Preschool Players”

**Whales:** (Patti, Megan, and Grey Mao)



Hooray for Halloween! The month of October is always a fun time because Halloween is just around the corner! The class has really enjoyed the “Back to School” dramatic play area, so we decided to keep this the same for October. We will be adding some extra materials for the class to explore, such as some fun Halloween decorations! Our sensory table will be filled with dry pasta because October is National Pasta Month. There will also be spoons, cups, and bowls in the sensory table for the class to use. For K.I.T.K. we will be tasting different types of apples and dips! At the end of the month, keep an eye out for a letter that will give details for our Classroom Halloween Party!

## **At Home:**

To extend our Classroom learning at home you can continue to role play as teacher and student with your child. Another tip is to have your child “read” to you. Perhaps it is a familiar/favorite book of theirs or one you have picked out. See what fun and interesting things happen as they “read” to you!

**Penguins:** (Allison and Tiffany)

Our theme this month is Grocery Store. We will be learning about our different food groups, healthy food choices, how we use money to buy our food, where food comes from, and the importance of coupons and how they help us to save money. We will also be doing a lot of fall activities including nature walks to watch the changing of leaves. We will also be doing a trip to Leitner’s to pick out pumpkins, fall colors, and decorations.

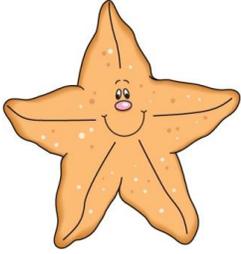


Some things you can do at home:

- Visit your local grocery store and talk about what foods you may cook at home and healthy snack choices
- Sit down with your child and cut out coupons, feel free to bring some in for our coupon collage we will be making
- Get out doors and enjoy the fall weather!
- Go to an apple orchard or pumpkin patch

Since the weather is getting cooler, please dress your child in appropriate clothing for the weather! Also, please check the classroom white board and/or your child’s daily sheets for items you might need to bring in (diapers, wipes, extra clothes, etc.)

**Sea Stars:** (Giovanna, Brianna, Jill, and Sue)



This past month's theme was New Places, New Faces. We learned all about school, the different things we do in school, and the different things we learn in school! The Sea Stars have had a lot of fun exploring and getting to know their new Classroom! They have learned so many new things already!

For the month of October, our theme will be Tabby Tiger's Diner! We will explore and learn about cooking, baking, food, and restaurants! We have some fun days this month, so be sure to check your Calendars!

Things you can do at home to continue this theme are:

- Let your child help you cook/bake
- Go to a restaurant together
- Introduce them to new foods to try

# “Pre-K Performers”

## **Jellyfish: (Val, Kathy, and Sumayo)**



The Jellyfish have adjusted well to their new learning environments and continue to explore the toys activities in our classroom. The children have been working hard to practice writing their name, identify letters, sounds, numbers, and counting.

The theme for the month of October is Halloween and Autumn Harvest. The theme will include activities that explore and celebrate the change of seasons and lots of developmentally appropriate Halloween fun.

The room will be decorated for the month-long anticipation of trick or treating in the neighborhood and at the Sholom Home at the request of our grand-friends. Throughout the month we will have multiple opportunities to dress in costumes for school as we recognize and celebrate a number of fun “National Days” listed on the calendar. We will share fun and spooky stories which provides the children an opportunity to discuss what has happened in their lives. Please help your child to dress for the change in the weather. We do go outside every day, weather permitting, so we want to make sure that the kids are staying warm while playing outside. And please make sure that your child has extra clothes in their cubby. Accidents happen, and we want to be prepared for them when they do happen.

## **Stingrays: (Stacey, Ashley, Margaret, and Patti)**

The first month of the school year has zipped by. The children have all adapted well to a new classroom, new schedule, and new expectations. We have been working hard on settling down when it is morning meeting, small group or regroup to revisit. We have really enjoyed discovering each child’s likes and dislikes and everything that makes them unique.

Our theme this month is Healthy Me. It is a great time of year to have this theme as we start the cold/flu season. We really work on proper hand washing, and sneezing/ coughing into our arms and not into our hands as well as keeping our hands and toys out of our mouths. Our dramatic play area will be a doctor’s office and well will have doctor related items in our all the areas.

Please remember to bring in an extra set of clothes for your child and replenish them when they are sent home. Information concerning Halloween will be sent home as we get closer to that date. We hope to see all of you at the Open House on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Have a great month and Happy Halloween!



## **Puffer Fish: (Becky, Mia, and Kiana)**



As we transition into October, we will be learning more about the changing of the seasons and what happens in Autumn. October will be filled with fun, laughter, and spooky stories! On the 18<sup>th</sup>, we are having our Open House and would love to meet and speak to all of you.

We are also having a Halloween party on the 30<sup>th</sup> and you’re more than welcome to bring in treats!

There is a sign outside the library that shows where the class is playing. We are always making sure that it is correct, and the kids are always helping us to remember. Happy Fall!