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From Our Directors...

September has come and gone like a summer breeze! All of our "little people" and their teachers have settled in and are now in full swing and ready to fall into new learning and experiences! Here at Little People imagination and exploration are ongoing in every room, every day. Be sure to take a peek at the classrooms! All of the teachers and children are enjoying the textures, scents and sounds of the season using apples to smell, paint with and make delicious applesauce, not necessarily in that order. Please check out our calendar of events and participate in our "Little People" family fun. We look forward to sharing with you! Family and friends are always welcomed! As always thank you for all of your support. Happy Fall!

Upcoming Dates and Events

- **October 4th** is the Mahopac Annual Street Festival and Parade. Little People will be taking part in the parade, which kicks off at 2:30PM. Come and find us in the Chamber Park and join us for a fun sensory activity. The activities in the Chamber Park is 10:30AM till 5:30PM
- **October 5th** is Stretch N Grow
- **October 12th** the center is closed for Columbus Day
- **October 19th** is Stretch N Grow
- **October 19th** our Scholastic Book Fair will begin!
- **October 23rd** is our Third Annual Halloween Celebration! Come dress in a costume and join us for our Little People Boo Bash from 6:30 - 8:00PM!
- **October 24th** we will be having a Pumpkin Festival. Come to the center for free

donuts, cider, games and Pumpkin Pickin'!

- **October 24th** our book fairs ends
- **October 30th** at 3:00 PM is our Halloween Parade. Come to see your child show off their costumes and join them afterwards for a party in their classroom.

Important Reminder

Every time your child goes to their Pediatrician for immunizations PLEASE bring a copy of them to the office. When getting your child's physical please be sure that you bring our form. It is state mandated that our forms are filled out and your Doctor may attach any forms they find necessary.

Community Happenings

- **October 4th** is the Mahopac's 7th Annual Columbus Day Street Festival and Parade. Come and join Little People at this event!
- **October 6th** Harold Gary and Wendy Erickson will be co-chairing the Putnam County "Good Scout" Award Breakfast benefitting the Westchester Putnam Council Boy Scouts of America and honoring Senator Vincent Leibell. The breakfast will be held at Mahopac Golf Club at 8:00AM. For more information, please contact Marian Post at (914) 773-1135 ext. 223.
- **October 9th** is the 1st Annual Charity Golf Outing to benefit Putnam Hospital Center. For information contact event coordinator Ken Kraemer 917-578-7074 or email freemasongolf@gmail.com.
- **October 22nd** at 7:00PM is the Community Care Fundraising Dinner - Putnam National County Country Club. Honoring William G. Sayegh, Sayegh Law Sponsor of the Year Theresa D' Aquila, at Chili's Grill & Bar. \$75 per Person. For information contact Amy Sayegh 845-621-CARE or 914-774-2265.
- **October 24** is Little People's Pumpkin Festival. Come for some free apple cider, donuts, games and \$2 pumpkins! Our rain date for this event is Sunday, October 25th.
- **October 25th** Safe Halloween Parade & Harvest Fest at Sycamore Park. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. The Chamber's Safe Halloween Parade will be held at Sycamore Park as part of Carmel Recreation & Parks Harvest Fest.

Our Incredible Infants

Cubs

I would like to start by welcoming all the new families that have started with the Cubs. The first days were a little hard for the mommies to let go of their little bundles of joy to me and Johanna. We also have two new babies that have joined our room. Let's welcome Maya and Eren to the Cub room. The new transition has kept us very busy. We enjoyed making handprints



and little representations of the babies by using colored yarn for their hair color. It was a blast! Natalie and Craig did not like the paint on their tiny little hands, while Eren, Lukas and Maya seemed to like it! Our older Cubs enjoyed it as well.

Jeremy is now standing without holding on to things and he is loving that table food. Julia is crawling and standing in the crib. So watch out, she's coming! Following Julia's footsteps is also Hannah and Amelia. They are also standing up in the Pack & Play on their own. Avery just loves his belly time at floor time and enjoys making babbling noises and observing his older friends at play time.

In October, we will be celebrating Halloween and lots of October Cub baby birthdays. We will also be working with orange, black and purple paint for all the Halloween arts & crafts. That's what we will be doing in the amazing Cubs.

See you soon.

~Miss Anna and Miss Johanna

Honey Bees

Happy fall to the Honey Bees!

We had a very busy September making the autumn leaves for our tree, making our people and our apples. All of our new Honey Bees got a taste of fingerpainting with our different projects.



This October, we look forward to welcoming Jeremy and Hannah to our class, as we say goodbye to our friends Violet and Landon.

We will start out the month making fall leaves to decorate the room. Then we will make leaf pressings using chalk. We are very eager to see how they come out! With Halloween coming, we will make pumpkins, witches and goblins.

The Honey Bees will also be working hard this month making decorations for the upcoming Boo Bash. We are determined to make our room the spookiest and can't wait to show every what we can do!

~Miss Michelle

Our Terrific Toddlers

Koala's

September has been an exciting month so far in the Koala room! Through activities such as fingerpainting and making our own playdough and singing songs like "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes", we've been learning a lot about ourselves. We have also been learning about who is important to us; the people we call our family and how each family is

different.

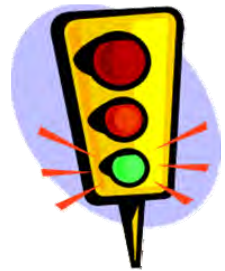
For the month of October, we will begin our year long unit on Earth's four seasons. Little by little our classroom will become a small representation of what is going on outside our door. For fall, we will learn about fall animals, the changing of the weather and leaves and we will explore the inside and outside of pumpkins. I will be introducing "Bob the Weather Bear" at circle time. He will help us learn about what clothing we wear in fall; that just as animals grow thicker fur to stay warm, we put on more clothing. You can continue the learning at home by talking about the clothing we wear and on what parts of our body we wear them, when you dress your child in the morning.



~Miss Dana, Miss Allie and the Koalas

Chipmunks

Hi everyone! We have been having fun getting to know each other. We have done some activities about ourselves and talked about how special we are. The children loved when we made our "me" televisions and our special mirrors. We also talked about health and safety. We made cars and traffic lights and practiced stop and go. We learned new songs. Their favorite was "I am Special" and All By Myself."



This month also proves to be a lot of fun. There will be topics like Family, Fire Safety, Halloween and Community helpers. Look for our activities that will be displayed around our classroom. With the weather starting to change, please make sure to update your child's clothing. They all love going outside and we many need jackets in the morning.

Until next time,

~Miss Julie and Miss Jen

Bunnies

The Bunnies are looking forward to a fun and exciting month. The first week we will be learning about fire safety. The Bunnies will talk about what to do if there is a fire. For example: Stop, Drop and Roll. We will also be walking around the school to count how many fire exits and fire extinguishers we have. Our children will be making a fire truck using graham crackers, frosting and licorice. After the trucks are made, they will be eating them for snack.



In our second week, the colors we are focusing on are orange, black and yellow. The children will be making playdough with the colors of their choice. They will learn how to make the color orange by mixing two colors together.

Towards the end of the month, the children are going to be learning about apples and pumpkins. They will make their own applesauce. The Bunnies will feel the insides of the pumpkin seeds. Along with these activities are books that will be read. Some books are "Apple Tree" and "Three Friends and a Pumpkin."

In our last week, we are looking forward to celebrating Halloween. We will be decorating our room - So Beware - it will give you a scare! The Bunnies will make their own witch hats. They will also make ghost prints by painting their feet white and making a footprint on black paper. The children are going to bake Halloween cookies and decorate them with orange sprinkles and candy corns.

We will end the month of October with a Halloween party and parade. the Bunnies are looking forward to dressing up in their costumes.

We would like to wish Ava a Happy 3rd birthday.

~Miss Erin and Miss Toni

Our Precious Preschoolers

Ducks

I have already met most of you, but I would like to introduce myself again. My name is Beky Mauriello and I live in Putnam Valley, NY. I received a Bachelor's degree from SUNY Binghamton and am currently receiving a Masters degree in Childhood and Special Education at Fordham University. I have been a student teacher in a fourth grade classroom in Chappaqua and in a second grade and Kindergarten classroom in Putnam Valley. Teaching has always been my passion; I spend my summers as a lifeguard and teaching swim lessons to young children. I am really excited about the upcoming year, and I hope that in addition to helping your students learn this year, I can learn from them!

I have only been with the Ducks for a short time, but I already feel as if they are my own. We are building a classroom community and each unique child plays an important role. We have been spending the first two weeks of school establishing classroom routines and getting to know each other.

The fall is beginning next week and we have a lot of great activities planned for October. Students will be exploring leaves and animals in the fall. We will be making leaf prints and fall wreaths. We will also be exploring pumpkins and pumpkin seeds. I think it is important for students to be able to make a connection with their environment, so

we will be spending a lot of time outside. I ask that you make sure your child is prepared for nature walks and outdoor play with a warm jacket or sweatshirt, and with sneakers.



Fire Safety week is this month! students will practice tracing

the numbers 9-1-1, and we will also be trying to learn our own phone numbers. We will be making firemen out of toilet paper rolls. It would be helpful if you could send in any extra toilet paper / paper towel rolls that you have around your home. We will also learn about "Stop, Drop and Roll" and we will be making fire truck cookies out of graham crackers.

We are going to be starting letters this months. We will be concentrating on the letters C, O and S. All of these letters look the same as lowercase and capitals and they can be made using the magic C. It is important that you read with your children as often as possible, and when the opportunity presents itself, emphasize the sounds at the beginning of words.

The month will end with a Halloween celebration and parade on October 30. I ask that you limit the scariness of your child's costume as we are trying to keep our parade lighthearted and fun!

I am very excited to get to know of your children better and I have wonderful expectations for the upcoming year! We have a great group of kids and we are building a unique and productive classroom community! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
~Miss Beky

Cheetahs

It's hard to believe, but fall is here! We Cheetahs have been very busy at school, but we still have lots of fund in the Cheetah room. In the month of September, we were so excited to watch the leaves on the trees changes colors. We learned all about why leaves change colors and we even made leaf rubbings, tissue paper trees and leaf people! In our math center, we sorted leaves and made a pictograph of the different color leaves we found outside. We also enjoyed reading Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf and Fall is Not Easy.

This month, we are excited to learn all about apples. We will be making our very own apple crisp and applesauce. Yum! We cannot wait to plant our apple seeds - we wonder how big our plants will grow!



The week of October 4 - 10 is Fire Safety Week. This is the time to check those smoke detectors and create or review emergency evacuation plans! In the classroom, we will learn how to "Stop, Drop and Roll." We Cheetahs will be making fire engine cookies using graham crackers, Oreo cookies and red frosting.

Of course, the month of October is one of our favorites because of **HALLOWEEN!** With this in mind, we will be carving and decorating our very own classroom pumpkin. We will save the pumpkin sees and spell our names out with them.. Then, we will grow the pumpkin seeds in the classroom. We wonder which plants will grow taller: our apple plants or our pumpkin plants! Because we love baking so much, of course we will be baking

delicious pumpkin muffins! For Halloween, we will also be making "Witches' Brooms" cookies using pretzel rods as broom sticks.

Miss Kelly wishes all her Cheetah friends a safe and fun-filled Halloween!

~Miss Kelly

Our Precocious Pre-K

Wolves

Hello friends. Can you believe it's October already? We had so much fun in September, here are some things that we did: The Wolves kept busy last month by learning how to read their first name, drawing self-portraits, talking about feelings, discovering what objects are red and figuring out what is considered a "round" object. We also would like to welcome our new friend Spencer to the Wolves classroom!

Now that we all know each other, we are so excited about this month. It's going to be "spook-tacular"! This month, we will learn about the season fall, otherwise known as "Autumn." We will go on a nature walk, collect leaves and do leaf rubbings! We will also create Autumn wreaths to make our classroom look festive.

This month, we will also learn about our neighborhood and what kind of transportation we use. We will review our favorite songs such as: "The Wheels on the Bus" and "Row, Row, Row Your Boat". We will also find out from our graphs who in our class has ever been on a train, boat or airplane. In addition, we will discuss the importance of fire safety. We will learn how to "Stop, Drop and Roll". We will learn what number to call in case of an emergency and make Fire Truck cookies! YUMMY



Another fun theme this month will be "pumpkins". We will create pumpkin faces from paper plates and learn new songs about "5 Little Pumpkins". We will learn what two colors mixed together make orange.

Finally, we will end this month celebrating one of our favorite holidays, HALLOWEEN! We will discuss Trick-or-Treating safety/rules as well as make "Cup-O-Worms" (Chocolate pudding and gummy worms), read Halloween books and discover what's really inside a pumpkin!!!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I appreciate all your support and cooperation. Thank you for making the first month a success!!

~Miss Lauren

Sycamore Bark Park is now open! If you plan on bringing your dog over to play with other canines, please be sure that he or she is licensed. The Bark Park is open daily from 8AM to sunset. The park rules are posted on Comcast Channel 95 for the public's view.