

# COLUMBUS PRESCHOOL NEWS

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Dear Parents,

This month at Preschool, we are going to discover the changes of Fall, with a focus on colors. We will start by looking at and discussing leaves, weather, and what people and animals are doing in the Fall.

Mon./Tue. -( Leaves)- Learning about how leaves are green in Summer and in the Fall change to different colors. For our art project we will make Fall leaves using liquid water colors.

Wed./Thurs. -( Apples)- We are going to *explore* apples. Our project won't be anything they can take home. We are using that time to taste/compare apples of different colors, cooked apples, and juice. Later we will graph our favorite. We will count, and find our "most" and "least" favorite.

<p><b>BOOKS</b></p> <p>We will be reading a <i>BIG</i> book, <u>We're going on a leaf hunt</u>, by Steve Metzger. We will also be reading <u>We love fall!</u>, by Diane Muldrow.</p>	<p><b>MUSIC AND MOVEMENT</b></p> <p>We will sing <i>AUTUMN LEAVES</i> and have different colored leaves as props. It's a little silly at the end when the leaves fall on our heads. They will love it!</p>
<p><b>FINGER RHYME</b></p> <p>Way up high in an apple tree 2 red apples smiled at me I shook that tree as hard as I could down fell those apples -mmm- they sure were good</p>	<p>We are also going to listen to <i>LEAVES</i> and have colored netting to pretend the leaves are blowing in the wind.</p>

In our changing Dramatic Play area we will have a Farmers Market. Your children will be busy buying, weighing, sorting, matching (by size and color), flowers, apples, pears, pumpkins, gourds, potatoes, and other assorted vegetables. The children will love to "pretend", and use their imagination and try out roles they see in adults. This "play" will help them develop language skills, learn cooperative play, recognize numbers and use pre-writing skills to make lists and figure bills.

## \*\*DATES TO REMEMBER\*\*

We will be having our Halloween/Costume party on Wed. Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> and Thurs. Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. (Costumes are optional as some children don't enjoy wearing costumes, but they will still have great fun).