

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD EARLY LEARNING CENTER OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

SIGN IN/OUT.... it is required that parents sign their children in & out.

TUITION PAYMENTS... Tuition payments are due at the beginning of the month when you receive your invoice. If you have not paid your tuition by the 15th of the month a \$15.00 late fee will be added to your account. If you have any questions concerning tuition or need your invoice resent please contact Kellie at kellie@mpbdenver.org.

CLASSROOM COMMUNICATION

All of our classrooms have lead teachers who are qualified to teach preschool/pre-k through the state of Colorado. Please feel free to speak with either teacher if you have a question or concern. If your child is in Rm 1 you can chat with Ms. Barb or Ms. Laura. The lead teachers in Rm 2 are Ms. Regina, and Ms. Cristi and Ms. Jenn. The Pre-K lead teachers are Ms. Tracee and Ms. Tess (Rm 3), and Ms. Jill and Mr. Mitchell (Rm 4), and Ms. Nicole (Rm 5). Ms. Dora will be floating to a different room each day to teach a Spanish lesson.

You should also be receiving an email from your child's classroom every afternoon regarding any "news" of the day. Questions regarding hot lunch, or pizza should be directed to Ms. Dawn.

CONFERENCES

This year the ELC will hold fall parent teacher conferences on Friday, October 23rd. Please look for a sign-up genius from your child's teachers to reserve a spot for your child's conference by Friday, October 9th.

CLASSROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

We are off to a wonderful start to the new year. We have been working on learning the letters A, B, and C, the color red, circle shape and the numbers 0 and 1. We have gotten to know our new friends and are learning the routine of our classroom. October will bring more learning of our colors, shapes, numbers and letters as well as continuing to recognize and spell our first names. Unfortunately, COVID has put a pause on any field trips at this point but we have talked to Ms. Kellie and we are still going to have our annual MPB pumpkin patch with Room 2 here at the ELC. This will be on Thursday, October 15th. We are also excited to have our Trunk or Treat followed by our Halloween party. We will be sending out more information as time gets nearer for all our special events.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Ms. Barb and Ms. Laura

ROOM 2

Welcome to our classroom. During September, we have been working on spelling our names, the letters A, B, and C; the numbers 0, 1, and 2; the color red and the circle shape. Our class schedule is Music & Movement on Monday, Art on Tuesday, Spanish with Ms. Dora on Wednesday, Religion on Thursday, and Language & Literacy on Friday. In Science, we have covered Germs and Hand Washing skills, and the five senses, parts of the body, skeleton, muscles and organs. In October, we will be focusing on the letters D, E, and F; the numbers 3 and 4, the color orange and the triangle shape. We will be covering the fall season, Fire Safety and Halloween, and Living Things; Pumpkins, Owls, Spiders and Bats for Science this month.

On Thursday, October 15th, we will be having our fun filled “Pumpkin Patch Day”! We will visit the MPB pumpkin patch to choose a pumpkin, and then decorate them. We will have a “Creepy Crawly Story Time” with stories of storybook characters! We will top it off with a special lunch. Everyone is welcome to attend that day. The cost is \$10.00 per child to cover expenses. This will be billed through the office on Ezcare.

We have a great class that works well together and we think it will be a wonderful year.
Ms. Regina and Ms. Cristi

ROOM 3

The beginning of the school year is always an adventure. It’s filled with new friends, new teachers, and new things to learn. We have worked hard on learning the rules so that the classroom will run smoothly and everyone will have fun learning. We have also spent September learning about each other and how to care for one another along with all of the other things that come along with going to school.

During September, we studied the letters A, B, and C, and have done some fun letter themed activities. We’ve talked about feelings, friends, and apples.

In October, our focus will be on fire safety, community helpers, construction, Halloween, and more on fall and harvest. We are off to a great start and all the kids seem to be settling in and eager to learn. Please feel free to talk to either of us with any questions or concerns you may have.
Ms. Tracee and Ms. Tess

ROOM 4

Hello Pre-K families! The children are adjusting well to their new surroundings and the classroom routines. The first weeks of school have centered on getting to know one another and learning all about our routines in the classroom. We have been exploring the classroom and gaining new interests. We are working hard to learn important skills to successfully function in our classroom community such as using our words to express our feelings and needs to our friends, being in charge of ourselves and making our own decisions and working as a team by doing class jobs. Some of our jobs include prayer leader, sweeper, librarian, plant helper, and door holder. Our hand washing skills are improving as well as we practice singing “tops and bottoms” as we wash. We need to remember that rinsing the soap off our hands and drying them well will keep them from getting dry and sore.

So far, this year we have explored families, safety and friendship.

As we move into the new season, we will begin learning more about Fall, pumpkins and leaves. Then before we know it, Halloween.
Ms. Jill and Mr. Mitchell

ROOM 5

Greetings Room 5 families! We have had a great start to our learning so far this year as we have focused on getting to know our classroom, routines, class jobs, teachers, and friends. We have been practicing new social-emotional skills such as talking about our feelings, being “bucket fillers,” and being in charge of ourselves and our own choices. In addition, we have explored learning about friends, families, and our five senses!

In the upcoming months, we will be continuing our learning adventure as we learn about our community, Fall harvesting, pumpkins, hibernation/migration, and of course Halloween.

We have had a fantastic time getting to know one another so far and we are excited to continue our learning with our new friends.

Ms. Nicole

DENVER PRESCHOOL PROGRAM/COLORADO SHINES

Did you know that our Early Learning Center is part of the Denver Preschool Program? The Denver Preschool Program (DPP) is the result of a voter approved initiative to provide tuition credits for parents, and quality improvement grants to preschools. DPP is open and voluntary for all Denver children the year before they are eligible for kindergarten. Tuition credits are awarded to all Denver families regardless of income. If your child is in Pre-K and you have not yet applied please go to www.dpp.org for more information. We look forward to you joining the Denver Preschool Program and the movement of quality early childhood education!

To be part of the Denver Preschool Program our classrooms get rated every three years by Colorado Shines. During the month of May 2019 our school was rated in five areas: Workforce Qualifications and Professional Development, Family Partnerships, Leadership, Management and Administration, Learning Environment, and Child Health. The Preschool classrooms, and Ms. Nicole’s classroom were rated using the Environmental Rating Scale (ECERS) which looks at space and furnishings, personal care routines, language and reasoning, activities, interaction, and program structure. The rating process is very involved, and requires many extra hours of work by the staff. We did very well on our rating and received 4 out of 5 stars! We will be rated again in May of 2022. The Colorado Shines website is www.coloradoshines.org.

HALLOWEEN

This year our Halloween parties will be held on Friday, October 30th from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Please have your child here no later than 8:30 with their costume on and Halloween bucket handy. At 9:15 the classes will take turns walking through the “Trunk-or-Treat” in the ELC parking lot. To keep the kids safe, we will be blocking off spots in our lot for the “Trunk-or-Treat”, as well as closing the parking lot completely at 8:30. Parking will be a little crazier than usual on Halloween morning (you may need to park along the street). The classroom parties will be going on during the “Trunk-or-Treat”. If you would like to volunteer to help with the “Trunk-or-Treat”, please look for a sign-up genius and more information in early October. You may also contact any member of our advisory board if you have any questions. Our 2020-2021 board members are Tara Laychak, Kristin Mennona, Kate Payne, and Chanin Strassburger.

Kellie Peterson
Director MPBELC