Happy Autumn!

October has just flown by! As the leaves continue to fall, the weather is getting colder and those germs tend to hang around longer! YUCK! Please be sure to wash your child’s hands as you drop them off in the classroom in order to limit as much germ-sharing as possible.

Thank you to all of our wonderful teachers and families that helped to make our Halloween parade a huge success. The children all looked great in their costumes! It is always so much fun seeing what each child likes to dress up as!

If your life is anything like mine, I am sure you have found yourself dropping off one child, picking up another and heading to soccer practice or scouts, sandwich in one hand and homework in another! Although all of the extra-curricular activities are exciting and fun, sometimes they can be stressful for all of us. Children, no matter what age they are, need down time. They need opportunities to be creative and find ways to self entertain, almost a lost art in the technological age we live in. I encourage everyone to find together time and even some time to “do nothing.” Embrace your family time together...eat dinner together at the table, enjoy each other’s company, dare to be creative with your children and enjoy all that this beautiful fall weather has to offer!

Just a reminder: We are closed November 22nd-23rd to celebrate Thanksgiving with our families.

Tonya Rivera, Executive Director
Sparrows

The Sparrows are all settling in nicely. We were a little wary of Halloween but loved the jack o lanterns. We will be making applesauce for our Thanksgiving feast. We will be raking leaves and jumping in piles. Please be sure dress your child for outdoor play when it is cool.

If you listen carefully, you will hear more words and less babbling in our Sparrow room.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Ms. Kelly, Ms. Louise & Ms. Rebecca

Chickadees

Welcome to November! We’re not sure what happened to our fall but hopefully November will bring a little nicer weather. In November we will be experimenting with the color blue, hopefully raking up and playing with the fall leaves, preparing for our fall feast and enjoying Thanksgiving.

Also in November we will be preparing for Family/Teacher conferences. There is a family sign-up sheet on the counter. Conferences are a nice time to sit down and talk about your child’s progress since the beginning of the school year. Each conference is about 20-30 minutes.

We want to thank our families for donating pumpkins to be carved. The children really enjoyed “getting right into it.”
Don’t forget to turn your clock back this Saturday evening and be ready for a busy holiday season.

Ms. Chris, Ms. Emily, & Ms. Teá

Swans

Happy November! October really flew by for us. For this coming month, we will be doing a color study. For two weeks we plan to do a color per day. We are asking the children to wear the color of the day. Please refer to the snack calendar in your family mailboxes so you are up to date with each of the color days. Following the weeks on colors, we plan to make cranberry sauce for our Harvest Feast.

Please note that we are closed November 22nd-23rd in observance of Thanksgiving.

After Thanksgiving, we will be spending a week on teddy bears. We plan to have pajama days on November 29th and 30th.

Please make sure your child(ren) have warm coats, hats, and mittens for cooler weather. As long as the temperature feels like 20 degrees or above, we plan to enjoy the outdoors.

Thank you for all that you do!

Ms. Sarah, Ms. Keeshia, & Ms. Michelle

Doves

Welcome to November Dove Families!

Wow October flew by! We have had a great time this past month learning about pirates, community helpers, and Halloween. We have walked the plank, made fire trucks, and paraded in costumes.

In November we will be starting off the month with scarecrows and making crows with tissue paper. The following week we will be learning about family and friends. We will be talking about family and who our families are. We will also be doing lots of activities on how to be a great friend.

After that we will be counting down the days to Thanksgiving with turkeys and feathers. This month we will be having our feast together as a school, how exciting!

After break we will be finishing out the month learning about nursery rhymes. We will be building Humpty Dumpty’s wall and creating many characters!

Happy Birthday to Rogan who will turn 3 on 11/9!

Have a great November!
Ms. Sara, Ms. Tammy, & Ms. Christina
**Hummingbirds**

November already? Time is going by so quickly. We have been very busy getting ready for Fall! We have been working a lot on our cutting skills and all of the children have been improving everyday. You will notice many projects coming home that they have cut themselves or with some guidance. Cutting is a difficult skill and they have been focused on mastering it.

The cold weather is here.....Please make sure your child has a hat, mittens, boots, and snow pants (when it snows.) If you wish, you may leave a set of these items at school.

In November, we will be doing Family/Teacher conferences. If you would like to meet, there will be a sign up sheet posted on the board near the sign in/out sheet. This is a nice time for us to sit and discuss how your child is doing in school and talk about what we will be working on throughout the school year.

A big thank you to Adrian and his family for donating all of the great books. Also, to Oliver and his family for donating a pumpkin for us to carve!

Ms. Gabe, Ms. Michele, & Ms. Jamie

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**Puffins**

October has just flown by! We had so much fun gathering fall objects for our science table and playing in the leaves on the playground. The Puffins practiced fire safety roles with Ms. Toni’s husband, Brad the firefighter, and were able to sit in a big fire truck. Preparing for Halloween was spooky fun. The children were very excited to participate in the Halloween parade. Thank you to all who helped with the children’s costumes before and after the parade.

In November we will be talking about animals in winter. The children will learn about hibernation, migration and how animals in our area get ready for winter. The Puffins will also be cooking for Harvest feast. Family/Teacher conferences are coming up soon. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the family news board in the classroom. If you would like to talk about how your child is doing in school and discuss goals we are working towards, please sign up.

The weather is getting colder! Please be sure your child has the appropriate clothing to play outside; hats, mittens and a warm coat for now. We do try to go outside everyday.

Happy Birthday to Ishaan (11/9)!!

Happy Fall,
Ms. Claire, Ms. Toni & Ms. Vicky

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**Flamingos**

Thank you to Ms. Phyllis! She is doing an amazing job leading our classroom while Ms. Miranda is out. Ms. Miranda will be out until at least November 20th. Thank you to Ms. Meg O and Ms. Jamie for helping Ms. Phyllis during this time. Families, thank you for all your guidance, support and understanding as well.

Wow, October flew by! The children loved our “community helper” unit where they were able to role play many different careers. Flamingos enjoyed carving two classroom pumpkins, playing Halloween games, dancing to spooky music and walking in our Halloween parade.

We will be kicking off November with our “five senses.” The children will explore their senses through many activities, for example; smelly bags, texture art, texture obstacle, sensory boxes, and I Spy, where the children will make their own “spy bottles”. We will be taking a “listening walk” and try to identify sounds around us. They will also create their very own rice shakers that they will be able to use during music.

To finish off the month we will be learning about Native Americans, pilgrim days and turkeys and learning about the importance of Thanksgiving. We have many crafts prepared that will include place mats, hats, painting with corn and creating harvest centerpieces for the annual Harvest Feast! We will also continue our journal writings and working on the letters “T,O,X” as well as learning the color brown. We are so proud of all the children, they are working extra hard this year!

Ms. Miranda & Ms. Phyllis

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**Peacocks**

Welcome November! We had a spooktacular October, learning and growing as a class community. We began fall by studying different leaves and observing all the changes of the season. A big thank you to Anastasia’s mom Paula, for visiting our class and teaching us how to identify the different leaves on our playground. Afterwards, the class made sun catchers and leaf rubbings. For our “Creatures of the Night” week, we explored nocturnal animals and Ms. Carolyn helped us make a spooky bat cave! Of course, Halloween was our favorite week and we enjoyed building a class monster, carving pumpkins, fun stories and the parade.

In November our themes will be community helpers and Thanksgiving. We are also looking forward to our Thanksgiving Feast. As a reminder, we go outside early everyday, brrrrr! Please make sure your child is dressed according to the changing weather.

Gobble, Gobble! Happy Thanksgiving!

Miss Julie & Miss Carolyn
**Staff Birthdays**

- Kristina MacDonald 11-7
- Megan O’Hearn 11-21
- Lauren Kryston 11-22

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**Sick Policy**

In the Family Handbook on pages 26-29 you will find the CPS Sick Children Policies. Please refer to the handbook when questioning your child’s health and whether they can attend CPS.

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**November is National Family Literacy Month!**

Ways to get reading as a family:

1. Visit our wonderful local libraries (Vestal Public Library, Broome County Public Library, George F. Johnson Public Library to name a few), check out books to read together and check out some of their awesome activities!
2. Institute a “story hour” at the end of a long busy day to both reconnect with your child and encourage them to enjoy a good book. At meal times discuss the stories you have read and see which characters they would want to come to dinner! :)
3. Model reading habits for your children by finding a book that interests you and reading it! As they say, “More is caught than is taught!”

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**Is it the flu?**

Symptoms of the flu can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea. Some people with the flu will not have a fever.

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**Deck the Halls with Spaghetti Dinner**

Come and join us for our 3rd annual Spaghetti Dinner with Santa on Tuesday, December 4th, 2018 from 5pm-7pm. Tickets will be on sale beginning November 12th, 2018-November 29th, 2018. Tickets can be purchased in the office. **Tickets will NOT be available at the door**.

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**FAMILY MAILBOXES**

Parents, it is essential that you CHECK YOUR FAMILY MAILBOXES EVERY DAY!

Vital communication from the office and classroom comes to your mailbox regularly.

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**Just a note:**

Fall is the time for breaking out the warmer clothes, especially for rainy days and muddy walks or playgrounds. Please also make sure your child has extra clothes in their classroom in the event that their clothes get soiled.