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 at 1pm on Wednesday, November 27th, and CLOSED November 28-29th to celebrate Thanksgiving with our families.

Tonya Rivera, Executive Director
**Sparrows**

It has been a fantastic start to a new year! The weather has been great and we have been outside almost everyday. The children are really enjoying playing with their friends and are enjoying the activities happening in the class.

In November, we will continue to experience the fall changes, make some applesauce for our Harvest Feast, and continue to build our vocabularies and motor skills.

We will have family/teacher conferences at the end of November. The sign up sheet will be near the snack sign up.

We welcome our new fish, Rainbow!

Happy Birthday to Nash!

Ms. Kelly, Ms. Louise & Ms. Jamie

**Chickadees**

The Chickadees have been enjoying our fall walks and observing all the changes of the season. We have enjoyed the beautiful fall leaves on campus and watching the squirrels scampering around to collect all their winter food. Along with discovering the color orange, we have enjoyed many other Fall related projects.

In November, we will be introducing the color blue, talking about Thanksgiving, turkeys and enjoying our Harvest Feast before our holiday break.

Now that the weather is cooler please remember to bring in proper outdoor clothing (hats, mittens, warm jackets and eventually snow suits and warm boots.) We do go out on a daily basis as long as the temperature is 20 degrees or above with the wind chill factor.

Finally, I will be starting our fall family/teacher conferences in November. I will have a sign up sheet on the counter for families to sign up. It is a good time to talk about your child’s progress and any questions or concerns you may have. Each conference is usually 20-30 minutes. I am looking forward to meeting with you. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ms. Chris, Ms. Keeshia & Ms. Emily

**Swans**

October was filled with wonderful memories. Thank you so much to those who came for our community helper week. We appreciate all you do for our community!

Fall has officially arrived and this class is thoroughly enjoying all the leaves on the playground. Please continue to bring in jackets as we play outside, even on cooler days.

This coming month we will be talking about colors, teddy bears, and Thanksgiving. The first two weeks we will be focusing on a color(s) each day. We encourage the children to wear the color of the day. Please refer to the snack calendar in your family mailbox for more information. On Friday November 22nd, we will be having pajama day to finish our teddy bear week.

We look forward to this month and all it has in store!

Ms. Sarah, Ms. Lacy, & Ms. Kate

**Doves**

Greetings Dove Families!

We are leaving October behind us and traveling into November. We had a wonderful time learning about fall. We learned about leaves changing colors and the weather getting colder. We had an amazing time exploring a fire truck, meeting two fire fighters, and learning about different kinds of community helpers.

During our Halloween theme we had fun painting and playing in our haunted house. We loved our spooky walks, pumpkin jumping, and making potions. Thank you to everyone that came to and helped get our class ready for the parades.

As we move into November we will be working on learning about the farm. We will be sorting animals, wild and farm, doing some farm animal yoga, and working in the barnyard. Afterwards we will be learning about harvest time, making food together, and learning about being grateful.

Happy Harvest Month!

Ms. Sara, Ms. Amatullah, & Ms. Tammy
October has just flown by! We had so much fun playing in the leaves on the playground. The Puffins enjoyed having Fire Fighter Brad, Ms. Toni’s husband, visit our classroom. The children tried on all his turn out gear. What fun! Preparing for Halloween was spooky fun! Everyone was so excited to participate in the Halloween parade. Thank you to all who helped with the children’s costumes before and after parade.

In November we will be exploring the theater. The play bills we will be reading are Caps for Sale and The Three Billy Goats Gruff, played by the Puffins. We will also be learning about “Germs” and how we can help keep ourselves and others healthy. The children will be preparing for Thanksgiving and cooking for the Campus Pre-School Harvest Feast.

The weather is getting colder. Please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing to play outside; hats, mittens and a warm coat for now.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Ms. Claire, Ms. Toni & Ms. Kendra
**Reminder**
CPS will be CLOSED at 1pm on November 27th and CLOSED from November 28th—29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Staff Birthdays**
Kristina MacDonald 11/7
Megan O’Hearn 11/21

**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.

**Sick Policy**
In the Family Handbook on pages 16-19 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.

**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.

**Deck the Halls with Spaghetti Dinner**
Come and join us for our 4th annual Spaghetti Dinner with Santa on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019 from 4:45 -7pm.
Tickets will be on sale beginning November 11th, 2019-November 27th, 2019.
Tickets can be purchased in the office.
*Tickets will NOT be available at the door.*

**Holiday Wreaths Fundraiser**
It’s Holiday Wreath Time! Help us reach our fundraising goal so we can purchase items on the teachers wish list! We will be selling Holiday Wreaths and Holiday décor via flier as well as through the link; [www.mickmanholidaygifts.com](http://www.mickmanholidaygifts.com) Support Campus Pre-School and do some holiday shopping at the same time!

To shop online, in the "Gift It Forward" section, click "enter fundraising code" and enter **CAMPUSNY001** then select apply. Now you ready to shop! You can select from the categories Holiday Wreaths, Holiday Door Sprays (online only), Holiday Center Pieces, and Holiday Table Top Trees.

**Picture Retake Day**
Picture retake day is **Thursday, November 21st**. If you would like your child to retake their pictures, please let the office know. If you have received a photo package, those must be returned to the office for your child to retake their photos. If your child is not here on Thursdays, you may bring them in to take their photo.

**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!”

**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.