

Rush Nursery School, Inc.

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4's/UPK/5-day classes    October Newsletter 2020    Kirstin O'Connell    Karen Hart

Dear Parents,

We are off to a wonderful start at nursery school! The children are making a good adjustment to our routines and making new friends quickly. We are looking forward to sharing many happy and memorable experiences this year with your children.

During the month of October, we will be talking about Apples, Colorful Leaves, Changes in Weather and other signs of Fall's arrival. Many of our projects, discussions and activities will include the seasonal changes. Please watch for the wonderful crafts and projects that your child brings home. We appreciate having backpacks emptied each day.

October also brings Halloween. We plan to carve a Jack-O-Lantern for our Halloween party. Halloween parties will be on **Thursday, October 29th and Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please see your child's Peek at the Week for exact celebration information. On that day, we are asking that your child wears something orange or Halloween themed. We are sad to say that we will not be having a costume parade this year since we are unable to intermingle with the other classes. We will be celebrating Halloween within our own rooms and participating in some fun Halloween activities. A fun activity we will do for Halloween is decorate your own mask craft. The children can draw jack-o-lanterns, bats, cats and other Halloween ideas on their mask and then wear it to school for the Halloween celebration.

We will be using scissors in the classroom this year. Most children are eager to cut with scissors, but some children have difficulty. A child must combine small motor skills (control and coordination of small muscles in hands, wrists and eyes) with an intellectual task. A prerequisite to cutting is tearing, so allow young children to practice

tearing paper before teaching them to use scissors. Discuss safety rules and provide appropriate scissors (rounded points). Show them to hold the scissors in one hand and paper in the other. Let your children cut paper up that can be used for art projects or collages. By practicing, the children become more proficient. As they become more proficient, let them cut straight and curved lines, using magazine pictures for example.

At school we teach the children to put on their own coats. We teach the "flip" method. The child lays their coat on the floor in front of them. While standing at the hood they slide their arms into the sleeves and "flip" the coat over their head. They are SO excited and proud to get dressed on their own. Please celebrate with them in their success.

We would also like to let you know that we have mentioned to the students the importance of not sharing food. We have some students who have allergies and we want to make sure that they do not get sick. If you could reinforce the not sharing of food at home, it would be appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Please also remember to re-read our Sick Child Policy found in the handbook. For the sake of all students and staff at Rush Nursery School, please follow the guidelines that have been established. Thank you. We also ask that you reinforce at home that a sneeze/cough be done into the child's elbow and not their hand. We greatly appreciate your help in teaching how to not spread any germs. Especially this year, during the pandemic. If your child's mask becomes wet at any point during the day we will be required to change their mask. Please make sure that there are always extra in their bag.

We are really looking forward to a great year at Rush Nursery School. We will use every opportunity at nursery school as a learning experience. Thank you for helping support us at home.

Please do not ever hesitate to call or email either of us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### October

12-Monday-Columbus Day (school closed)

13-Tuesday (No school for Tu/Th classes, UPK and KinderPrep will have class)

30-Halloween celebration – Wear orange or a Halloween themed shirt

### November

2-Monday – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly tuition payment due

11—Monday-Veterans Day (school closed)

12-Tuesday (No school for Tu/Th classes, UPK and KinderPrep will have class)

23-27-Thanksgiving Recess, School closed

Please remember to look at our website at **[Rushnurseryschool.org](http://Rushnurseryschool.org)** for important information. Monthly Newsletters, Peek at the Week and Helper Schedules will always be posted on your teacher's class page.

Also to let all of you know that if you go to [www.KidZone.ws](http://www.KidZone.ws) and [www.handwritingworksheets.com](http://www.handwritingworksheets.com) and link to the tracer pages, you can type in your child's name and it will allow them to trace their names and other words correctly. We have been using these in our classes.