



## WEE KNOW SCHOOL

"A Five Star, Nationally Accredited Center"

We've had a great start to the new school year! The children are making friends, exploring new art and sensory experiences, enjoying music and songs in addition to getting plenty of exercise in our gym and playground areas! Keep your classroom newsletter and calendar handy each month, and for your convenience newsletters and calendars are posted on our website – [www.weekknowschool.com](http://www.weekknowschool.com) to access anytime. If you have any questions, our office staff is always available to assist you. Stop by anytime!

### FIRE SAFETY ACTIVITIES

The Lake Country Fire Department will visit our school on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30am to give us an up-close look at their fire truck and ambulance, and talk about fire safety. If your child doesn't normally attend on the day they visit, you are welcome to come with your child that morning.



### PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please hold your child's hand when entering or exiting the building and use walk-ways next to the building. We have a busy parking lot, especially at preschool drop-off and pick-up times. Also, please remember that children should **never** be left in cars unattended. Our administrative staff is happy to assist in bringing your child to the classroom if you must leave a sibling in the car due to illness, etc.

### FUNDRAISER

Our annual fundraiser is in full swing and will continue through Wednesday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>. Orders will be delivered to Wee Know on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> in plenty of time for holiday giving. Proceeds will be used to purchase new equipment for your children to enjoy at school. Thank you in advance for your participation!

### CLOTHING

Fall is here and so is cooler weather. Please be sure to replace your child's extra summer clothes with warmer items in their cubby. **Label everything!** We try to get outside multiple times daily (as early as 9:30 am), please make certain your child has a jacket or sweatshirt. **Tennis shoes or close-toed footwear** are perfect for school activity. **Crocs, party/dress shoes and sandals are not good running and climbing footwear & lead to accidents.** Finally, if your child has a bathroom incident at school, remember to bring in replacement clothes.

### "WEE KNOW" TOTE BAGS!

Looking for a tote bag that you can take anywhere? Then, we've got the bag for you!! This year we are offering large waterproof, zippered tote bags in blue and red for only \$10.00! We have samples in both foyers for you to view. Stop by our office if you're interested in purchasing one.

### VISION SCREENING

Prevent Blindness Wisconsin will offer free vision screening to our Wee Know families on October 23-25<sup>th</sup>. Each child will be screened unless the parent returns an **OPT OUT** form we will distribute indicating they do not want their child screened. Screening results will be sent home via your child's cubby.



## CHICKADEE NEWS

From Mrs. Meyer & Mrs. Semler

The Chickadee classroom has been a hubbub of activity during September. For many children this is a first experience in a preschool setting, so there is much excitement, stimulation and even a little hesitation. Our focus during this time has been "getting acquainted" with our school community. This has involved getting to know classmates and families in our room, the teachers, routines and rules of school, plus the outdoor environment. Along with getting acquainted comes the territory of increasing independence. We have been promoting bathroom skills, using words to make needs known, learning to share and separating from parents for extended periods.

### A DAY IN THE CHICKADEE CLASS

Our "circle times", while short in length, work on long term skills. Conversation and listening skills are practiced along with "following directions". We work on these areas through music and song, movement, storytelling and group discussion. The Chickadees love to listen to stories and songs. Some of their favorites are "Pete the Cat", "Sticky Bubblegum" & "The Bear Hunt."

In art we have colored and painted with different tools on varying mediums. We have introduced Dabber Dots and that their job is to hop, hop, hop. All these activities strengthen fine motor skills and stimulate creativity.

Our lunchtime experience has a strong emphasis on sitting appropriately along with polite social behavior and conversation at the lunch table, while we have a terrific time learning about one another. Name cards will be introduced at snack and lunch times to initiate name recognition this month.

### OCTOBER CONCEPTS & TOPIC

**Colors:** black & orange

**Shape:** circle

**Numbers:** 1 & 2

**Letters:** A, B, C, D

- **Broad theme...season of autumn:** observe seasonal changes on boardwalk, explore apples & pumpkins, decorate for Halloween, and celebrate "FALL" with a "Fall Fun Fest Party"!
- **Learn Fire Safety Tips...**in honor of National Fire Prevention Week. Please discuss a family meeting spot with your child in case of a home fire.

**MAGIC PUMPKIN PATCH**







On Tuesday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be planting our very own magic pumpkin seeds. Expect a surprise to take home!

**Chickadee Fall Fun Fest – Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Because of the age of the Chickadees, our Fall Fest will be very low key and not scary. It will be a normal preschool morning with fall themed activities, an opportunity to wear costumes, followed by a pizza lunch.

- Pizza lunch will cost \$4.00 per child. Please put your money in an envelope labeled with your child's name and drop in the PIZZA LUNCH container in our classroom.
- Wear costumes that are simple and easy to remove for bathroom use. **Please, no masks, make-up or weapons (light sabers, swords, etc)**
- Children staying for nap will need a change of clothes to wear after the party.
- If your child is not regularly scheduled on Tuesday, you may add or trade a day that week to attend. Please stop by the office to schedule.
- Look for a sign-up sheet to volunteer or to donate for the event beginning in October.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1 	2 Snack: Jack	3 Snack: Brady	4 <b>Cooking Day</b>	5 Snack: Cole	6 School snack	7		
8 	9 <b>Fire Department Visits 9:30-11:30am</b> Snack: Anna	10 <b>Cooking Day</b>	11 <b>Fundraiser Ends</b> Snack: Hunter	12  Snack: Autumn	13 School snack	14		
15 	16 Snack: Dominic	17 <b>Magic Pumpkin Patch</b>	18 Snack: Teddy	19 <b>Cooking Day</b>	20 School snack	21		
22 	23 <b>Cooking Day</b>	24 Snack: Molly	25 Snack: Henry	26 School snack	27 School snack	28		
29	30 School snack	31  <b>Fall Fun Fest Pizza Lunch</b>	<p><b><u>Looking Ahead</u></b>  <b>Wednesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>:</b> Come have lunch with the Chickadee Bunch from 11:45-12:45; invitation coming soon.  <b>Turkey Feather Project...</b>In early November each family will be given a poster board feather to decorate for our class "tom turkey".  <b>Wednesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>:</b> Parent/Teacher Conferences. Sign-ups will be available soon!</p>					