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October 26th

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Halloween Celebration on Monday, October 31st



[Sonya DeMonner](#) (Sabrina's Mom) >smdemo@med.umich.edu< coordinating the class party. The following people have volunteered to donate party items. Julie Bird-fruit, Beth Battey-veggies, Rebecca Richardson- beverage, Laurie Wilson, sweet treat, plates, napkins, Hannah-cups, Sonya DeMonner-games, and helpers Julie Bird, Chris Bird and Beth Battey. All parents are welcome to join to get ready for the parade at 1:15 and to be a part of the parade. Please, Please, Please don't just send anything more!!!

Just to repeat. This is an exciting but also overwhelming time for young children. Please remember to leave all weapons at home for our school celebration. Masks that cover the face are dangerous when we are moving around during our mini-parade. There will be parents around to help with face makeup. Just send it in a container such as a small box or bag containing the make up.

As for the party day itself, the children will be having their party in the afternoon following the parade. We will start getting dressed at 1:15 for the parade at 1:30. Parents are invited to help get the students ready and help with the party prep. Arriving at 1:15 is plenty of time. (We will be having our regular routine up until that time.) Our party will follow until the end of the day.

The students are invited to bring a costume and makeup to school with them that day. (Please let me know if your child will not participate.) We usually have plenty of parents to help them get dressed and put on makeup. If their costume is in a paper grocery bag labeled with their name it helps keep all the costume parts together and get them back for Trick or Treating at home. The paper bags stand well and allow your child to be able to get their costume in and out of the bag more independently.

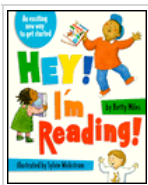
Today's Visitor

Today a representative from the Humane Society and talked to the class about responsibility people have toward their pets. Have a chat with child about our visitor.

Library Cards

Please leave the cards in the pockets of your child's library books. They are used to help track the books that are checked out. Thanks!

Hey I'm Reading!



I have several copies of the book "Hey, I'm Reading!", a book about the process of learning to read. It is an informative book for both parents and children to read together. It presents reading in a way that seems to answer some of the questions early readers have about learning to read. Just let me now if you are interested in borrowing a copy.

UNICEF Boxes

If your child has money from Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF send it to school shortly after Halloween. There will be a giant UNICEF box near the office. If you wish you and your child may put your box in the large box or the class will take it down when it comes to school.



Family Traditions

Each family in our classroom is special and has a unique set of family traditions that have shaped who you are. During the next few weeks I would like to have each family create a page for a class book of these special family times. At this time I would like to start you and your child doing some of the ground work and talking about what your child might want to share. The materials are coming with today's note.

The stories will be widely varied and should be something that your family does together possibly around a holiday, a holiday celebration that reflects your family's roots outside the United States, or a special family gathering. For example, playing cards when we get together with grandma and grandpa, making ice cream before going to the fireworks on Fourth of July, eating a traditional food when together with family, Friday night movie night, celebrating Chinese New Year, etc. These stories will be part of our Multi-Cultural Night presentation on December 21st.

Use the paper as base for a book page about your families tradition. Encourage your child to do the drawing and dictate the story that they will share when they bring their completed page back to school. Please rehearse, just a bit, what your child wants to share with the class as the class looks at their book page.


We have started reading Patricia Polacco books and will continue.

November Snack Calendar

Please mark your calendars!!!!


Char's Class November Snack						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Morgan	2 Stella	3 Sam	4 Calvin	5
6	7 Devi	8 No School	9 Aaron	10 Isley	11 Sabrina	12
13	14 Bridgette's B-day	15 Cecelia	16 Ayesha	17 Aliyah	18 Elijah	19
20	21 Chava	22 Stephanie	23 No School	24 No School	25 No School	26
27	28 Rex	29 Johana	30 Anjali			

From Gym



November 2011

Elementary Physical Activity Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Happy Thanksgiving</p> <p>From the National Association for Sport and Physical Education</p>						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Practice catching pop flies with a friend. No glove? Cut open a milk carton and use that!	Hacky Sack Practice your kicks and stalls with a hacky sack or ball. NO HANDS!	Makeshift Bowling Set up 10 targets like bowling pins and practice your bowling skills. Did you get a strike yet?	Stretch out as many different muscles in as many different ways as you can	After dinner lead your family on a walk around the neighborhood	Gather up all your friends and create your own relay race!	Gather up your neighborhood friends and play a game of hide and go seek
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Gymnastics Practice your hands stands for as long as you can. Keep your legs straight!	Stand on one side of an object that is shorter than knee height. Jump back and forth over the object for 30 sec. straight.	Get 5 friends and play a game 3 on 3 basketball at the park.	See if you can jog up and down a flight of stairs for 20 minutes straight	Practice Juggling Toss, toss, catch, catch for 2 things. Toss, toss, catch, toss, catch, toss with 3 things.	Make a dance that uses all of the following movements: Clapping, sliding, stomping, jumping and twisting.	Walk on your hands as far as you can
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Gather a group of people to clean up trash around your neighborhood. Run while you do it!	Broad Jumps Stand with your feet together and jump as far as you can 10 times in a row. Try not to fall over!	Baseball Get a friend and practice hitting. No bat or ball? No problem! Use rocks and sticks!	Practice your full court layups. Go to a basketball court do a layup, run to the other end and do a lay-up. Repeat until you make 20 layups.	Thanksgiving Football. Get the family together and play a game of touch football before the big feast!	Target Practice Hang up some targets and try and hit them with a ball. Hit it? Move farther away? Can you still hit it?	Ask a parent, guardian or friend to take a long walk with you at the park.
27	28	29	30	Celebrate the 35 th Birthday of HERSHEY'S Track & Field Games at School! Run, Jump or Throw – you can teach basic skills in class, recess or afterschool and host a final celebration event. Visit www.hersheystrackandfield.com for lesson plans and event registration.		
Practice your backwards summersaults outside in the grass. Tuck your chin to your chest for safety!	Get a group of friends together and make up a dance to your favorite song	Band-Aid Tag When you get tagged place your hand on the spot you got tagged. Three tags and you go to the hospital (sideline)	See how many push-ups you can do in a minute. Was it more than your friend?			

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