

WILD LILAC PRESCHOOL

HONORING ALL CHILDREN

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October Newsletter:

Dear Daffodil House Families,

What we've been up to:

We think the new year has gotten off to a fantastic start! Many of us at Daffodil House have been fascinated with the work of construction and building. Some of us have been using playdough, blocks, found materials, sand, dirt, and mud to create ongoing construction projects. We've noticed that these projects are accompanied by lots of problem solving, communication, and cooperation – and usually some singing too! We've also been noticing the process of construction in nature. The kids have been documenting some of the spider webs and insects in our yard with photographs and drawings.



Digging and Dumping!

What we're going to be doing:

Our big idea for the beginning of school is the investigation of trees. We will be creating a tree made from fingerpainted paper and found objects. The tree will help us observe the changing of seasons and will go through

transformations to mirror the changes happening in the world. This theme, as all others, will change based on the interests and questions raised by the group, so we are excited to see where it will take us!

We will also be taking a walking field trip to a neighborhood construction site where we can observe, document, and maybe even ask some questions! We will have a note on the sign in sheet to inform you of the date and time of the walking field trip.

Parent Announcements/Requests:

- A Family Photo for our tree
- Any objects appropriate for our "Re-use Center"



Playdough!

Look out October! Here we come...

We will be busy little bees this month. Beginning with the 1st **Book Club** event on Thursday 10/1 at The Lucky Labrador. Please join us for this grown-up event to discuss Vivian Gussin

Paley's book *A Child's Work*. The following week, 10/6-10/8, we will be holding our 1st **Parent-Teacher conferences** of the year. Please sign up for a time slot that works for you to attend without your child. Also this month the Wild Lilac teachers will attend the **Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children conference**. Later in the month, on 10/17, we will visit the **Pumpkin Patch** on Sauvie Island. Finally, on 10/30 we will have the Daffodil House **Halloween Party** at 11:30 am.

Chinook Book Fundraiser

Our Chinook Book Fundraiser is running from October 5th-23rd. We are asking each family to try and sell 5 books each! All of the money we raise will go towards our financial aid fund for the 2009-2010 school year! If you have any questions, just ask Katie!

Picture Day!

This year, we are so lucky to have the talented and amazing Jen Downer (www.shesawthings.com) coming to Daffodil House to photograph our Wild Lilac kids! She will be coming on Thursday, October 22nd at 10:00am to photograph the group and will do individual shots right afterwards. If your child does not attend school on Thursdays but you want your child to be in our school photo, please come join us at Daffodil

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House at 10:00am. You will have an opportunity to see the photography before deciding if you want to order photos.

Mindful Parenting Class

Sheri Louis' beloved parenting class *Mindful Parenting* (formerly *Parenting from the Heart* ...same class, new name) will be teaching her course this November exclusively to Wild Lilac families. Last year, a group of families took the class and raved about it, so sign up early for a spot! There is a detailed description on our "Family Board" in the cubby area, please email Sheri sherilouis3@hotmail.com directly to reserve a space.

Just a few reminders...

Rainy season approaches. Please make sure your child has a pair of rain boots and a raincoat that can live at school. Also, provide your child with several changes of labeled clothes.

As cold season is upon us we appreciate your support with hand washing and keeping unhealthy kids at home. If you plan to keep your child out for the day, please call and let us know.

As always if there are any questions, comments, or concerns please let us know. We are honored to be with your

children during their school days!

Calendar

Month of October- Chinook Book Fundraiser!

October 1- Book Club Meeting for all teachers and parents!, 7pm

October 6-7- 1st Parent-Teacher Conferences, evenings

October 8- No School – 1st Parent-Teacher Conferences, day

October 9- No School – Teachers Attend Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children Conference

October 10- Teachers Attend Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children Conference

October 17- Family Event – All school Pumpkin Picking on Sauvie Island, 10:00am

October 30- Family Event – Daffodil House Halloween Party! 11:30am