



Upcoming Events

Pie Sale

**Tuesday, November 22
3:00-6:00 and Wednesday,
November 23, 2:00-6:00**

*Downtown Foodland IGA
(See Fundraising Update portion
of newsletter for more
information)*

Winter Break

**December 22-January 7
NO PRESCHOOL**

OUBLECK

We made oobleck right after Halloween. Some students refused to touch it and others couldn't get enough of it. It's a fascinating substance with properties of both a liquid and a solid.

Here's the recipe:

2 cups cornstarch

3 drops of food coloring

1 cup of water

Mix together in a bowl and
voila'

Have fun

Letter from the teachers:

Hello Preschool Families,

Winter arrived suddenly, reminding us that we're already well into our third month together as a community. Most of our students have become used to our routines and are finding their footing among peers and figuring out what they like to do at preschool. We hope that most of you are getting used to the routines too or will ask questions if you have them. Thanks to those of you who came by for conferences. We always learn so much from you.

We've been busy since our last writing...the Zip concert, the leaf jump, Halloween celebrations, box painting and construction, grinding grain into flour, and making bread with it. Now, as we approach Thanksgiving and rush headlong toward holidays, we may all feel that the shorter the days grow, the more we have to pack into them. I know we teachers feel that way and all of you with young children, jobs and busy lives likely feel it even more. It's easy to get frantic and stressed and our kids pick up on it. Just when we most need them to be reasonable, and undemanding, they seem to become clingy or wild. A quarter hour spent quietly observing and talking with one of our students recently reminded me of some advice a wise friend gave me when my children were young. It was to take about 15 minutes whenever I could to just tune into my child. To let go of any agenda and just notice and observe what she was doing. Not teach, not lecture, not fake an interest if I was preoccupied with something else, not demand or expect anything. Just be there with her paying attention and enjoying her in the moment. It sounds like nothing. Most of you probably already do it naturally. But making a practice of it, even and especially when life is busy, is great for strengthening your relationship and may help with the inevitable challenges of parenting.

On the enrollment front we've welcomed three new families to our T/Th class. Nathalia Williams, Nora DeSloover and Matilda Higdon have all joined within the last month and we're delighted to have them as part of our community.



You may also know that Teacher Linda had to leave suddenly to help a family member out of town and Teacher Hosanna has graciously filled in. We're sending our thoughts and best wishes to Linda and look forward to having her back with us soon.

Thanks for everything you do. See you at preschool.
Mary

Here are some suggestions for how to talk with your child about their art from Teacher Hosanna:

Your child just created something and wants to share it with you. Take this opportunity to encourage them to express their ideas. Try some open ended questioning to get started. What would you like me to know about your picture? What do you like about your painting? What were you thinking about when you made this? How did you get the idea to use two different colors? Having them recognized what inspired him/her and taking the time to talk about it can get your child really thinking about their creations and the choices they made to create them.

Preschool Leaf Jump



Looking Back/Looking Forward

Looking Back	Looking Forward
Zip Concert Halloween Leaf Jump First Snow	Pie Sale Solstice Baking Projects More Snow

FUNDRAISING Update:

Hello preschool families,

I wanted to say thank you to everyone for making our first fundraiser successful! Fundraising is vital to our preschool and your help is appreciated. If you're new to preschool we don't want you to be surprised by each new fundraiser so here's a rundown of the established ones. It sounds daunting and it is but if everyone contributes what they can, hopefully no one person will have to all the heavy lifting and burn out.

In addition to the Pie Sale this week we have a Not-so-silent night at the movies in February. This is located at Goldtown Nickelodeon. There will be classic short films showing while a live band plays music. Once again Rhonda Gardinier will pull it together and our job will be a bake sale. In March we will have a raffle ticket sale. Every family is responsible for selling ten \$10 tickets (\$100.00 book) raffle tickets. We need all families to start gathering items for our raffle. These items can be offering services or donated items. Mary has forms with our tax id number for businesses who donate. We will need all items for raffle before March, so please start now. April we have a Easter bread sale. This is a couple days before Easter. We will have a table at IGA (like the pie sale) and will ask families to bake treats and sign up to help work the sale. In May, we have our biggest fundraiser: Family Farm Days. This fundraiser requires families to sign up to work shifts the day of the fundraiser. We will also be asking for baked goods to sell at this event. These are the events so far this year, we are still working on creating more fun events for our families.. Our coop is powered by our amazing families..thanks for all your help in making this year great!

Feel free to contact me or teachers with questions.

Selena Hanvold (Elias's mom) T/Th Class

Kid Quotes

Around Halloween we asked students what they would add to our imaginary magic potion. Here are their answers:

MWF Class

- Sophia (Audrey J's sister): A bone.
- Matteo: Christmas and Halloween
- Mason: A stick
- Nethir: One lily
- Taegan: A princess
- Louis (Mary Hope's brother) pumpkin
- Ona: Bad spiders and bad chickens
- Ella: A bear
- Liam: Soup
- Rilyn: A bat
- Esme: The whole world!
- Otto: (guest) A dragon
- Sigrid: Leaves
- Evelyn: Dashes of sun
- Daniel: Crocodile teeth
- Audrey F. So many stars
- Teller: A chair
- Mary Hope: Potion
- Ava: Poison
- Audrey J. Ghost

T/Th Class

- Otis: A robot
- Nora F. An owl wing
- Hiram: marble runs and trains, not puppies.
- Xenali: A candle
- Elias: One bat head
- Calder: Gum
- Gleb: Two Ninjas
- Daniel: A horse
- Ella: A candle, gum, and fox whiskers.

THANK YOU * SPASIBO * GRACIAS * GUNALCHEESH * TAKK * SALAMAT *

GRAZIE * TESEKKUR EDERIM * KHX KHXBKHUN

Many thanks this month to:

Rhonda Gardinier (former JCP teacher) for putting together our Zip-A-Dee-Do-Dah Concert.

All Zip Performers:

Winter Osterhout and Maggie for storytelling.

Summer Haffner and friend for belly dancing.

JamBusters Ukelele Band: Rhonda, John Lager (Ona's grandpa), Amy Houck, Heidi Johnson, Reed Tippetts
"Punk Raffi" Pat

Pat McLear, story teller.

If you know or see these folks out in the community, please thank them. They perform for no money and little acclaim. Their time is a gift to us.

Selena Hanvold (Elias's mom) for rocking the Zip lunch sale.

All the cooks and bakers.

Linda Torgerson (alumni teacher) for spearheading the leaf jump.

Everyone who contributed leaves.

Tana O'Leary (Mason's mom) and Ana Spado (Matteo's mom) for generously pulling together the Usborne pop-up book fair.

Taylor and Ben Beard (Otis's parents) for installing a tether on our new computer.

Sion Songer (Rilyn's mom) for setting up a hair salon in the climbing room on her work day.

Miriah Twitchell and friends for their Halloween performance of *Room on the Broom*.

Dave Eckerson (Ona's Dad) for lending his awesome millipedes to our classroom.

Teacher Hosanna for creating a JCP stamp for our tie dye class shirts.

Ana Spado (Matteo's mom) for making wonderful posters documenting Halloween and the Leaf Jump.