Welcome Back!

Our Fall semester is off to a great start. We have many new children and families at the Center this semester. We also have many new teacher assistants who have become part of our Center family as well. Although we've had some tears, the children are adjusting to their new environment and are enjoying their time at the Center.

Calendar of Events

- Wed, October 8: Pumpkin Patch Field Trip
- Sat, October 11: Homecoming Parade
- Fri, October 24: Fall Break, Center Closed
- Wed, October 29: Spooky Supper 5:00-6:00
- Wed, October 29: Dobson Hall Trick or Treat 6-8
- Fri, October 31: Halloween Costume Day

Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

We are planning a field trip to Vesperman Farms in Lancaster on Wednesday, October 8, 2014. We plan to leave around 9:00 and will be back at the Center by 11:30. We will surely need chaperones for this event. If you'd like to join us, please inform your child's teacher. The Center will be chartering a school bus for this field trip. We are asking that you contribute $5.00 for your child. This includes the pumpkin patch tour and a pumpkin for your child to bring home. There is no fee for adults. If by chance it rains, we will postpone the trip to the following Wednesday, October 15 departing and returning at the same times listed above.

Homecoming Parade

The Children's Center will be walking in the Homecoming Parade this year. We will meet at the Center at 9:15 on Saturday, October 11, 2014 and walk over together to the line-up area. Please have your child wear their Children Center t-shirt if you'd like to join us. A parent needs to walk with their child.
Spooky Supper!
Wednesday, October 29, 5:00-6:00 (not too spooky)
Dobson Hall traditionally has a "Trick or Treat" night the Wednesday before Halloween and we are planning a "pre-trick or treat dinner" here at the Center. For the "Spooky Supper" we ask that families sign up to bring a dish to pass. There will be a sign-up sheet available in a few weeks if you would like to join us and bring something. If you are planning on going to Dobson Hall after the supper, you are more than welcome to have your child wear their costumes. Hope you can join us!

Halloween Costume Day
On Thursday, October 31 we would like to invite your child to dress up in a costume for Halloween. Please be sure your child's costume is comfortable enough for him/her to wear during their day at the Children's Center and participate in all regular activities. **Please leave any weapons that accompany costumes at home.** Also, please realize children tend to get messy while here, so your child's costume may not stay clean if needed for Halloween night.

Parent Notes and Reminders:
♥ Each child has a mailbox in their classroom in which artwork, notes from teachers are placed, along with various other paperwork for you or your child. Please make a habit of checking your child's mailbox on a regular basis.
   Thanks!
♥ With the cooler weather here, please send your children in clothing appropriate for chilly outdoor time. Although the afternoons are sometimes warm, it is chilly in the morning when we are outside so be sure to send a jacket or sweatshirt and appropriate shoes.

Curriculum Change
This Fall the Children's Center implemented a new curriculum called Creative Curriculum. The new curriculum is designed for Early Childcare programs and offers many of the same theories as our old curriculum as well as a few additional concepts. With this we will be changing a few things in our environment that we thought you may be willing to help us with. We are looking for many different items to be donated for the classrooms. Below is a list of items we need.

- table lamps
- string instruments
- baskets
- bird feeders
- multicultural artifacts

Thanks so much to those of you who have already donated one of these items. We really appreciate it.