

NEWSLETTER

Class News For Families



Schedule of Events

Tuesday, October 1

Rosh Hashanah - School Closed

Friday, October 4

Lion Fun Run

Wednesday, October 9

Yom Kippur - School Closed

Monday, October 14

Columbus Day - School Closed

Saturday, October 19

Fall Fair 3pm-6pm

Thursday, October 31

Fall Harvest Celebration

Happy Halloween

★ Friendly Reminder ★

★ Morning drop-off is at 8:20 and afternoon pick-up is at 2:20. Please be on time.

★ Please send a signed and dated absence note when your child is absent

★ Bring in labeled clothing the next day when soiled clothing is sent home

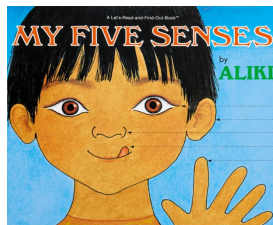
★ Shoes that securely fix their feet need to be worn in the yard/gym

★ To help your child feel at ease, talk to them about school safety because we will be having more fire drills

★ Tell the teacher if you change your phone number

★ If you are having a problem with the new security app, please tell the teacher

October launches the exciting unit of study the **Five Senses**: seeing, smelling, tasting, hearing, and touching. We learn through our senses everyday. This is a fun hands-on month because each week, we will thoroughly investigate each sense with practical activities such as sensory matching games, taste and smell experiments, touch and feel mystery boxes, and sound guessing games. These are our Focus Questions:



- How do we use our sense of sight?
- How do we use our sense of hearing?
- How do we use our sense of taste?
- How do we use our sense of smell?
- How do we use our sense of touch?

Here are some of the literary resources that we will use to support our understanding on the Five Senses: *My Five Senses* by Alike Brandenburg; *Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See* by Eric Carle; *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?* by Bill Martin Jr.; *You Can't Taste a Pickle With Your Ear: A Book About Your 5 Senses* by Harriet Ziefert; *Tap Tap Boom Boom* by Elizabeth Gluemele; and *Rah, Rah Radishes!: A Vegetable Chant*, by April Pulley Sayre and many more informational text from our class library.

Our Five sense activities include a neighborhood sight walk, listening walk, apple tasting, and a touch scavenger hunt/sensory activity

Family Engagement

Look out of a window (store, bus, subway, bedroom, etc.) and discuss what you see at various times throughout the day. What do you see that reminds you of fall? What do you see in the morning? In the evening? Right before bed? What is different each time you look? What is the same? Why?

Take a sensory walk together. Pay attention to what you hear, see, feel and smell. Encourage your child to discuss how they can use their senses to stay safe when walking outside. How do our eyes help keep us safe? For example, looking for cars before crossing the street or identifying unsafe items to touch such as garbage or sharp items. How about our ears? Can our sense of smell help keep us safe? How?

Invite your child to smell or taste a new food or something they would not usually eat. Provide prompts to encourage discussion, how does it look? What do you see? How does the food feel before you try it? How does it feel in your mouth? How does it taste? How does it smell? Would you try it again? Why or why not?