

OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



VILLAGE GREEN
NURSERY SCHOOL



Save the date...

VGNS FAMILY NIGHT AT WHIPPERSNAPPERS

November 9

More info coming soon!

Family Photo Night



Below, you will find information on school photos. We also offer Family Photos. Our school photographer (who is fabulous!) will do them for us in late October- perfect for Christmas cards! Information to schedule your appointment for October 25 from 6-8 pm will be handed out on school picture day.

We have an open door policy for parents to visit whenever they can. It is helpful for us to know ahead of time when you plan to visit so we can limit the number of visitors at one time. There are also times when we specifically request one or two volunteers to help us. Look for the sign-up sheets on the parent volunteer bulletin board and/or on Sign-Up Genius.

Note: In the 3-year-old classes, we generally do not request volunteers until November, as the children are adjusting to the new school, schedule, and teachers.

GERMS

Fall is here and the runny noses, coughing and sneezing have started. At school we teach the children to cough/sneeze into the bend of their arm. call it the...

**"VAMPIRE
SNEEZE/COUGH"**

We teach the children this because when they use their hand to cover sneezes or coughs, then touch toys, it is more likely to spread germs.

The children are also encouraged to wash hands after wiping their nose. We encourage your family to reinforce our school methods at home.

Let's have a healthy school Year!!



Apple Harvest Parking

Just a reminder that parking can be difficult during the Apple Harvest Festival. Parents **can** park in handicap spaces in the church lot for a quick drop-off/pick-up during Apple Harvest. You may also park in the municipal lot. Please allow extra time for drop-off and pick-up during the festival. Carpooling with friend, neighbor or relative works great!



Self-Help Skills

Please encourage your child to put on his/her own coat. With the cooler weather it is helpful to the teachers if children can dress independently and it will allow more time outside.





THREE YEAR OLD CLASS



It has been our experience that Halloween can be scary for young children. Therefore, we are requesting **NO COSTUMES** be worn to school on Tuesday, October 31st. In the past we have found that children become uncomfortable in their costume after a very short time and want it off. Those who leave it on lose pieces or end up with rips or spills. In lieu of costumes, the children are more than welcome to dress silly and/or wear face paint. This has worked well in the past and avoided a lot of tears.

Halloween Treats

If you are planning to bring in edible treats for classmates, please consider class allergies. Only the regularly scheduled snack will be served at school. All other treats will be sent home.

Lending Library

Children in the 3 year old class will begin lending library on Thursday, October 16th. Children will bring home books on Thursday and return them on Tuesday. **The borrowed book must be returned before your child can use the lending library again.** Please stress gentle care of the books so the books can be kept in good condition for others to borrow.

TAKING PHOTOS IN CLASSROOM....

During the coming months we will be posting opportunities for parent volunteers. We also host family events throughout the year. Parents and family members often take photos. We would like to remind you that parents signed a form stating where photos of their child can be displayed. For this reason we ask that any photos taken in the VGNS classroom or at a VGNS event that include anyone other than your child, should not be posted on sites such as Facebook.



School Photos

Generations Photography will take individual and class photos on **Thursday, October 11th**. Beth Miller will take photos at the beginning of each class. If you feel that your child may be uncomfortable having their picture taken by someone they are not familiar with, you are welcome to stay until he/she has had their picture taken. You will be receiving additional information from the Miller's before photo day.

Colors of the Month

Each month we will focus on one color. We will have a special day dedicated to the color and encourage children to wear something that coincides with the designated color. The information will always be posted on your calendar. Dress in ORANGE on October 1st!

October's color will be ORANGE.

FIRE DRILLS

On Tuesday, September 25th the children practiced our Fire Drill routine. Our first fire drill is just a walk through. Subsequent fire drills will incorporate a smoke detector to help children get use to the loud sound. (We use a handheld smoke detector that is controlled by the teacher).

