

OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



VILLAGE GREEN
NURSERY SCHOOL



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.

Family Photo Night



Below, you will find information on school photos but we also offer Family Photo's. Our school photographer (who is fabulous!) will be here two nights in October- perfect for Christmas cards! Information to schedule your appointment on October 25 will be handed out on school picture day.

Save the date...

VGNS FAMILY NIGHT AT WHIPPERSNAPPERS

November 9

More info coming soon!

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.



FOUR YEAR OLD CLASS

MYSTERY BAG

The Mystery Bag began on September 26th. Every child will have a turn to bring home the bag and choose ONE item to place inside. Please encourage your child to bring in something unusual. In the past we have found that simple household items, something found while hiking in the woods, or an item found/purchased on a family outing to a museum etc. stimulated the most conversation. Typical stuffed animals or toys that they all have tend to become repetitive and are not as interesting to the children. Directions for parents are attached to the bag. The children enjoy sharing something special from home and will have several opportunities during the year. If school is canceled or your child is absent on their day, please bring the bag in on the next school day he/she attends. Thank-you for your cooperation!



FIRE AND SAFETY DRILLS

During the months of September and October the children practiced our Fire Drill routine. In November we will introduce our Safety Drill routine that basically involves teaching the children to stop, be quiet and listen/follow teacher directions.

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 bring their camera to take pictures. 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, not be posted on sites such as Facebook.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Generations Photography will take individual and class photos on **Wednesday, October 10th**. 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.

Lending Library

Children in the 4 year old classes began lending library on Wednesday, October 17th. Children will bring home books on Wednesday and return them on Monday. 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.

Grandfriend visit at Lincoln Lewis

The 4's classes will take turns for our walking field trips to visit our Grandfriends. We sing songs, read stories and sometimes do crafts together. Parents are welcome to chaperone but no siblings please. We will let you know when your child's class will be going.



It has been our experience that Halloween can be scary for young children. Therefore, we are requesting **NO COSTUMES** be worn to school on Monday, October 31th. 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. Some children are scared by the costumes and become upset. **In lieu of costumes, the children are encouraged to dress silly and/or wear face paint.** Silly hats, miss-matched clothes, etc.- be creative!

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.

HOMWORK

Name, Address, and Phone Number

At the start of the school year, while discussing Friends and Families we incorporate the **importance of learning phone number, address and family name**. Learning this is very important for emergencies. It can be difficult for a child to remember all of this information.



To reinforce the learning your address, while riding in the car ask your child "Where do we go to get home?" Another idea is to take a walk in your neighborhood and show the children your street sign. Look at the houses on your street and make note of the different numbers on each house. This will give your child a better understanding of what their address is.



When practicing your telephone number, if your child has a play telephone, encourage them to "call you at home" while you are playing. Recognizing the numbers is important too.

******We have found that putting your phone number or address to a rhythm or a tune is very helpful and can make learning fun.



As part of our lesson on Family the children have learned about their **"Family Name"**. It is important for children to learn their full name especially for safety.



Also for children that have begun **writing their name**, we encourage parents to teach children: uppercase 1st letter and the rest lower case. This is how they will be required to write it in kindergarten. It is easier to teach the proper method from the start than to have to relearn.