



Preschool News

Fall 2017



Welcome Kiddos!

We are excited to start a new school year here at Story Place. We would like to welcome back our friends from last year and give a warm welcome to all of our new friends. There are so many things we have planned this year. Throughout the year you will receive information regarding field trips and opportunities for you to participate and share in your child's learning experience. Some of the topics the children will be working on are: their names, letters, shapes, and colors. We will be incorporating our program wide expectations (Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful) into their day to day activities. We will also be teaching the kids friendship and sharing skills. It is going to be a fun filled year and we look forward to watching your children learn and grow.

Notes and Reminders:

- New Daycare rates take affect 9/1/17
- Please sign the authorization form if you would like to see pictures of your children participating in special events throughout the school year on our Facebook page. (names are never listed)



September

2 Ms. Molly R	18 Jillian M
10 Ms. Liz H	19 Ms. Michele R
14 John-Paul P	22 Ms. Diane C
14 Trey D	26 Ciera U
16 Vincent F	26 Ms. Janet G
17 Hunter S	30 Ms. Kelly L

October

2 Camden C	15 Samantha P
2 Duffy C	16 Avery T
3 Ms. Allison K	19 Ms. Mariah S
3 Mr. Sean E	28 Noah W
4 Ms. Madeline S	28 Ms. Brittany L
10 Nathaniel K	29 Ms. Michele H
14 Ms. Kim D	30 Jaydn B

November

5 Mr. Kyler R
6 Ms. Kate H
7 Oliver B
15 Matteus D



Sept. 4: Closed
Labor Day

Sept. 5: Closed
Staff Conference Day

Sept. 6: First Day of School

Oct. TBD: Open House

Oct. 9: Closed
Columbus Day

Oct. 20: Closed
Staff Conference Day

Oct. 25: Parent Training
(Tentative)

Nov. 8: Parent Training
(Tentative)

Nov. 10: Closed
Veteran's Day

Nov. 23-24: Closed
Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 29: Parent Training
(Tentative)



PARENT TRAININGS

Hello Families! Welcome to a new school year! Every department will be offering a parent training to talk about their area of specialty, provide strategies that you can use at home, and answer questions. Each training will be in the evening and last approximately an hour. We are hoping to make childcare available. Please look out for information in your child's book bag as the dates get closer. The tentative dates are as follows:

Motor Dept.: October 25th
Speech Dept.: November 8th

Teachers: November 29th
Psych/Social Dept.: December 13th

Administration: January 10th

Classroom Updates

The 2017-2018 school year is set to be a hoot in **Awesome Owls**. We are going to start the year learning about the classroom and routines. We will explore the concepts about me, friendship, and emotions. In October, we will be celebrating Camden's birthday. Welcome new families and friends! We can't wait to take flight into the new school year.



The **Busy Bees** have had a fun filled and busy summer program at Story Place Preschool. The children had a chance to learn all about: Camping, Circus/ Carnival, Laura Numeroff and Laurie Berkner, Hawaii, Beaches /Summer Fun, and Ocean Animals. They learned new songs and dances, bowled with coconuts and did a pineapple ring toss game, completed an obstacle course, made wonderful art projects and even did the limbo. We went on a bear hunt, painted with puffy paint and made wonderful cooking group projects with our friends. Water play was a hit; they all enjoyed running through the sprinkler and checking out the toys in the water tables. We met new friends and had a special visit from two former students (ages 7 and 9). They came to be guest readers and to play with the Bees. The kids loved having some older role models to play with. We are excited to meet our new crop of friends in September. We have a lot of exciting adventures planned. Good luck to all of our graduates; please stay in touch and come back to visit.

Hello from the **Little Bears**! What a quick summer it has been. We are busy getting ready for the new school year. Quite a few of our friends are leaving the Little Bears and moving up to Preschool. We are going to miss them very much, but we are so excited to see what this year holds for them, and the progress they will make. When our friends move up, new friends move in, and we cannot wait to get to know them. We would love to welcome to the Little Bears: Kyle, Clinton, Jillian, Killian, Leah, Ciera, Cameron and Gabriel. Over the next few months we will be learning about: All of our new friends, colors, shapes, fall and even Halloween (We cannot believe it is that time of year already). We will also be working on a lot of self-help skills like washing hands, and putting away their own backpacks and coats. Most importantly, we will be having fun. We look forward to an amazing school year!



Hooray for school! For the first few weeks in the **Mighty Maples** we will work on providing our students with supports to get used to a full day of school, working through transitions, and making connections with peers and staff. A lesson plan detailing themes will be sent home initially, and will become more detailed as we settle in over the coming months. We will focus on colors and shapes as well as talk about the change in seasons and making friends, too! The first few weeks are also a vital time for communication with classroom staff, and to help with this, a communication journal will be sent home on the first day of school detailing their day as well as any other pertinent questions or information. We will have many new faces in the classroom for fall, both students and staff. We hope that you will all come in to meet us at our fall open house! -The Mighty Maples Team

Hello from the **Pumpkin Patch**! We are so excited to begin the new school year and are looking forward to getting to know all of our PP friends and their families! We will be learning about our school and classroom expectations including how to be safe, respectful, responsible and kind. Our theme will change weekly to bi-weekly, focusing on friendship, emotions and sharing/taking turns. We will also have weekly, and bi-weekly special groups, including handwriting group and social-emotional group. Please feel free to call and ask questions or just stop by to say hello! Ms. Jen, Ms. Mary & Ms. Val



Welcome to a new year in the **Shooting Stars**! We are so excited to have a class of new students this year with a few returning to help lead the way. It is always great to meet new children and see their progression throughout the school year. This year we will start off with getting to know each classmate by name and a little bit about them. We will also be doing a lot of fun activities this year to help kids strengthen their gross motor skills, fine motor skills, and cooperative play skills. In order to build these skills, we will conduct plays, draw with shaving cream, paint our toes, and cut out shapes! Can't wait to see the stars shoot into hyper speed! Your Shooting Stars Team

Wow! The summer went so fast. The **Speckled Frog** friends had lots of fun with waterplay, learning about oceans, and having fun at carnivals. We said good bye to our Kindergarten friends. They grow up so fast. Now we welcome our new friends to the Speckled Frogs classroom. We are excited for the new school year. We look forward to cooler weather and learning about the Fall. See you soon, Ms. Breanne, Ms. Debbie, Ms. Sandy, and Ms. Sam.

