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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Picture Day**
October 10: 4s
October 11: 3s
- ◆ **Field Trip:
Berry Hill Farm**
October 16: 3s
October 19: 4s
- ◆ **Halloween Party**
October 30: 3s
October 31: 4s

Letter from the President

Marcy Smith

Welcome everyone! I hope the start of the new school year is going well. Thanks to all that attended the general meeting. Congratulations to the winners of the drawings. I hope you enjoy your prizes! A big thanks goes out to the The Little Green Apple, The Foggy Bottom, and Stucci's for their generous donations. Join us at the next General Meeting on February 28, 2008 – maybe you'll be the next big winner!

I'd like to invite all of you to attend the Board Meetings held the second Thursday of the month, (except for February where it is being held on the first Thursday, Feb. 7). The meetings start at 7:00 p.m. (*October's meeting is an exception and will start at 7:30 p.m.*) and are held in the blue classroom.

There are still spots available in the 3p.m. class. Please pass the word around to your friends – it's not too late to join!

You're a great group of people and I'm excited to be sharing this experience with you. Looking forward to a terrific year!

Three-Year-Old News

Mrs. Pam

Wow! We've had eight days of school and what an incredible journey it has been for me so far. I am getting to know your children and they are just precious. I love hearing their little stories and what they have to say. They make me laugh. I am really enjoying my new job at the Co-op. Thank you for sharing your children with me.

For some, it is difficult when mom or dad leave at drop off time, and downright terrifying for a few. Please know that this is normal behavior for three-year-olds. Preschool is brand new for them and their world as they know it is being home with mom, dad, brother or sister. Now they are facing a whole new challenge and for them it is a BIG deal. Separation anxiety is very typical for this age group. It is a wonderful feeling when an hour has passed since drop off and the kids are running around smiling and playing. They realize at that point that they are o.k. and that mom/dad will be back to get them soon. They are tender little beings and they love their mommies and daddies so being away from them can be difficult. On the contrary, don't feel sad moms

when your child says bye-bye right when you walk in the door. I remember as a Co-op mom feeling that my child couldn't wait for me to leave, I thought, "Aren't you going to miss me?" Moms...we just can't win, can we??

They are incredible at clean up time. They usually all pitch in and get the room whipped into shape. I am very proud of them for that and tell them quite often. They are learning how to take turns, get in a line and wait to eat their snack until we sing our thank you song. At this point, "circle time" is a little challenging. It is hard to sit still sometimes when they'd rather be running around playing. I usually have a variety of stuff for circle time and pull out something from my bag of tricks that will entertain them. They are, however, getting better at sitting through a story and listening.

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*Happy
Birthday!*

Dante Demerath 10/5
Jessica Hoehn 10/21
Quinn Brophy 10/26



Three-Year-Old News (continued)

Mrs. Pam

I am looking forward to the rest of October. It is such a beautiful month and lots of fun too. Don't forget to look at the October calendar to see what we are doing, what you need to bring, etc. Also, refer to my October letter that I put in your mailboxes to see what's coming up (show and tell, picture day, etc.). Look at the bulletin board too for news and events.

P.S. I am enjoying getting to know you, the parents, as well. It is so nice to have assist parents in to help and talk to. Thanks for all your help....you're doing a great job!

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Four-Year-Old News

Mrs. Joan

REMINDER

Please notify the school if your child is going to be absent.

426-2491

Our preschool year is off to a good start! The transition into school or back into school went very smoothly. I'm sure that you are, as I am, noticing the developmental changes which are so evident during the preschool years. The language explosion along with the increased capability in art is incredible at this age. The 4-year-old's drawings are starting to look more real, but if he or she draws a tree for example, it might have purple leaves or resemble a lollipop. For many kids showing off their art work is just as exciting as creating it, so make sure to spend time while assisting giving your full attention while they describe the details. Their amazing brains will be building new connections between the nerve cells as they express themselves.

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Four-Year-Old News (continued)

Mrs. Joan

The children were fascinated with the field trip to Leslie Science Center. Since the Center changes its presentation throughout the year, we will plan to return in the spring. This is what your children said they liked best about our trip:

Kendell Korcek

Seeing the frogs and toads. I liked seeing the snapping turtles swimming in the water.

Riley Moorman

Looking at snake because it was bumpy and I petted it with two fingers.

Drew

I liked to see the bunny because he was so cute and I liked the snapping turtle.

Leia Schliebe

Seeing the animals and petting them. The rabbit was my favorite.

Spencer Pryslak

I liked the bunny rabbits. I did like the snake and I was a little brave.

Jack Kirkey

When they brought out the snake because snakes are so cool—they look cool.

Emma Smith

The bunny and snapping turtle.

Johnny Waidley

The softest bunny and the snapping turtle because it snaps people and because the bunny does this (he wiggled his nose).

Hailee Waters

I like to go in the forest to find animals. The freeze frog was funny.

Dante Demerath

I liked the bunny and turtle.

Kamille Balcom

I like when we went nature hunting to find stuff.

Robert Knight

The best was we have to stay still (squirrel game).

Mitchell Burrus

We go into the forest that was the best part.

Judah Wise

I liked the big hawk because it was big. And I liked petting the snake.

Truly Fehrle

I liked the lizard and the toad. Because I've never seen a big daddy lizard and a mommy toad.

Ryan Kniesteadt

I like picking up nuts and pretending to be a squirrel.

Ben Duncan

Seeing every animal because I like all the animals. Every one was my favorite.

McKenna Brice

I liked going in the forest and collecting leaves and finding them.

Ben Ladd

The snake had venom. I liked it best. I liked the iguana, too.

Noah Jacob

It was so funny because the macaroni owl had things like this (he put two fingers up on his head).

Allen Labadie

The snake because I liked petting him.

Maura Moller

The best part was to sing with the owls and play the game with the squirrel and the fox (oh-oh here comes fox)!

Angela Castle

The room with the animals and to pet the bunny.

Caitlin Vasher

I like petting the bunny.

Noah Schultz

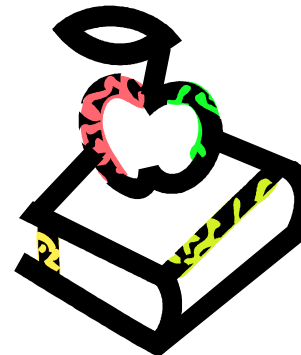
It's a secret. The eagle was eating a rat.

Henry Ramsay

I like the turtles and the rabbit. I like hiking, the beautiful leaves.

Anna Ramsay

I liked sitting in the circle and the little bugs.

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Halloween Party

It is a special Halloween tradition at the Coop to go trick or treating down the hallway at the end of the party.

Please come at 11:10 AM and 2:55 PM with enough treats for each child.

Don't forget your cameras!



Halloween Crafts and Recipes

Egg Carton Spiders

Empty egg carton

Black paint

Black pipe cleaners

Googly eyes

Glue

Push pin or paper clip

1. Cut the cup off an empty egg carton and place them on newspaper. Paint the cups, inside and out, with a coat of black acrylic paint.
2. Use the end of a push pin or paper clip to make four holes along each edge of the cup.
3. Cut four black pipe cleaners into 7-inch lengths. Thread a pipe cleaner through one of the holes, into the cup, and out the corresponding hole on the other side. Ensure the ends protrude an equal length from both sides of the cup and bend them upward at the base of the spider's body. Fold in the opposite direction midway down the legs to create knees and bend tips to make feet.
4. Glue on googly eyes.



Creepy Ghost Snack

1 Tbsp. Philadelphia Cream Cheese Spread

3 RITZ Crackers

3 raisins cut in half

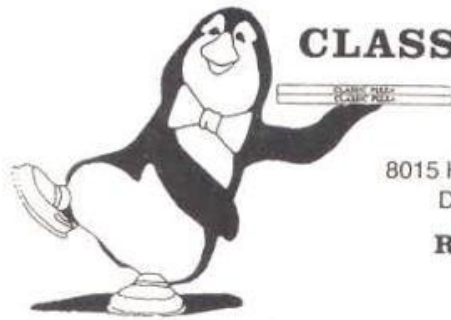
SPREAD cream cheese in ghost shape on top of crackers.

ADD raisin pieces for eyes.



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