

Newsletter October 2011

Quotable Quotes

"I need to do the peace rose competition."

"My throat has the hiccups."

Child asks, "Is this a French muffin?"

Teacher says, "No, it's an English muffin."

"Did you know my mom has eyes all over her head?"

"Do you want to see my long time ago new shoes?"

"This word is not soundable."

A child says to another child who has a hoarse voice, "You've got something stuck to your voice."

### Halloween Celebration

We will have our annual Halloween parade this year on Monday, October 31 @ 9:00 and we will be back before 10:00. Please have your child come to school in costume with a labeled bag with their school clothes in it.

We will swap the costumes and school clothes after the parade.

We will parade over to the library and the library staff will hand out candy.

Please let your child's teacher know if you can help. If the afternoon class would like to participate in the parade, we are asking that you come in the morning for the parade. We will NOT do a separate parade in the afternoon.

## Inclement Weather Policy

Considering the recent weather, it's strange to think about but we would like to remind everyone that we follow the ICCSD (Iowa City Community School District) in case of inclement weather.

Please be sure to pick up your child on time. The 4:30 pick-up especially is tricky for teachers who have end of the day jobs to do outside of the classrooms but can't leave to do it until the number of children is down.

There is a new lost and found basket in the hallway. We will periodically take extras to Goodwill but will notify everyone before we do that so you can check for any lost items.

We try our best to keep track of everyone's clothes but if parents can be sure to label coats, boots, etc. it is so helpful.

We are still making progress on the playground. Our goal is to get the construction phase of the project done before winter sets in. Additional plantings will be done in the spring. We will have a work day in the spring that hopefully some of you can help to complete the project. Check out Nature Explore on the web for great pictures of other certified nature explore playgrounds.

The extended day schedule is as follows:

Monday.....Art activity

Tuesday.....Yoga with Miss Lydia

Wednesday.....Music

Thursday.....Movie/popcorn

Friday.....Games

Welcome to Faith Abzug, a new teacher who is helping us in the afternoon naproom with Miss Cathy. Faith has taught in the Cedar Rapids School District for the past few years. We're happy to have her.

We will be putting out donation boxes in the lobby for the North liberty food pantry in the next week or so. We try to have at least one community service project each year and this year we would like to support our community with donations of food, clothing, and money. The pantry is seeing a 40% increase in requests from last year. **The Pantry is an outreach ministry of First United Methodist Church of North Liberty.**

### ***Poinsettia Sale 2011***

The Montessori Children's Garden will host their Annual Poinsettia and Wreath Holiday Fundraiser. Each family will be asked to sell poinsettias and balsam wreaths. You will receive your order forms and flyers by November 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be looking for volunteers to help on distribution day. Alys Thoenson (Lauren's mom) is organizing the event. We will use the money raised for the playground.

Just a reminder.

Conference Days will be November 11 and November 23. Sign up sheets will be placed outside each classroom door in November. There will be no school on those days. Teachers typically allot 20 minutes for each conference. If you are unable to come on those days, please see your child's teacher and they will be happy to make accommodations.

We do provide childcare during the conference.