

# CHILDREN'S HOUSE CHATTER

Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

**SCHOOL PICTURES** Individual pictures were taken today. When the proofs are available they will be placed in the children's files, along with an envelope for placing orders.

**HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL** - Saturday, October 31 from 11:00am until 1:00pm. You may hand in your Bake Sale items on Friday. We look forward to seeing you there it's going to be fun!!

**BOOK FAIR** our annual Book Fair will be held Wednesday and Thursday, November 11 & 12.

**KROGER CARDS** Don't forget to use your Kroger shopping card! This is such an easy way to raise funds for Children's House PTO. Between August 9 and October 8 the cards earned \$545.00 for the PTO!!

**SCHOOL CLOSINGS** The school will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27. There will be no classes or childcare on those days.

## **UPSTAIRS CLASS**

We still need a few more coffee cans and/or oatmeal (cylindrical) containers so each child has his own drum for certain musical activities. We could also use more bottle caps (from beverage bottles) for making rhythm shakers. Please save these for us also. Thanks! The children are excited about going to the Pumpkin Patch tomorrow. We will be leaving school at 10:00am.

**OUTSIDE CLASS** The children have enjoyed some Hallowe'en crafts a paper witch, and a pumpkin made out of a brown bag. Some children have worked on matching objects and beginning sounds. The older children have been studying invertebrates.

We thank Kim Romain William's mom for donating a set of books about Fall. We also want to thank Erin Vinett Taco's mom for making cheese pizza from scratch for our snack. Don't forget our field trip to the Pumpkin Patch on October 30. If you have not already done so, please sign and return your child's permission slip, along with \$6.00 cash, in an envelope with his/her name on front. **Any child who does not have signed permission to participate will not be able to go to the Pumpkin Patch.**

## **JUNIOR ELEMENTARY CLASS**

The Juniors are asking if anyone could donate a small artificial Christmas Tree (3'-5')? We want to decorate a tree for our class project for the PTO Silent Auction.

On Tuesday we had a great trip to Fletcher Library by bus. Afterwards, we went on a walk to hunt for leaves for a special study of their margins, veins and types.

Clare Burks will take our Soup Committee Eleanor, Lily & Claudia to the store today, and tomorrow they will prepare lunch for the class. The Juniors always enjoy this Practical Life lesson, and they will all have a turn throughout the school year to serving on the Soup Committee.

Two really exciting Math & Science book order selections were sent home on Tuesday. Orders should be handed in by Friday, October 23.

Don't forget spelling tests on Thursday and Family Projects due next Tuesday.

Please sign up for a time to help out at our booths during the Halloween Carnival. Here is a sign-up sheet on our bulletin board.

Also, parents, if you have not returned your Silent Auction sheet, please do so this week thanks!

**DOWNSTAIRS TODDLER CLASS** Please label **ALL** of your child's belongings!!!!

Today was picture day and we were able to get most of the children to participate with only a few tears for some!

Please don't forget to sign up to help with booths at the Hallowe'en Carnival next Saturday. There is a sign-up sheet on our classroom door.

We have had two confirmed cases of flu in our classroom this week. Be vigilant! Please be aware of your child's symptoms and keep him/her home if necessary!

## **DOWNSTAIRS CLASS**

Group time is one of the children's favorite times of day! Along with singing songs, the children practice answering a 'question of the day' and listening to their friends' answers. This gives the children a change to take turns and be patient also. Sometimes the question will involve talking about the children's favorite things. We also use this time as an opportunity to discuss our feelings. Today we discussed what we want to wear for Halloween, and we talked about what things we think are scary. Starting this Friday, we will begin a weekly 'picture show & tell'. You can send a picture of your child doing something fun or a picture of someone special in your child's life. This should be really fun!