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In October, all of the pre-school classes went to Hidden Valley Farm. The Kindergarten enjoyed trips to Windmill Farm and the Enchanted Forest at Aullwood Nature Center. Of course the highlight of October was the Halloween parties. Many thanks to the moms and dads and of course the teachers and teacher assistants who helped make this so special.

Marsha Goldberg

FOCUS ON MRS. SHAW

Mrs. Shaw teaches a 2 ½ year old class on Tuesdays and Thursdays and a 3 year old class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. She has a lot of patience and love for our littlest students here at First School (and has had that love and patience for six years!). Her children, Erin and Emily attended First School many years ago in the late 80s and early 90s. When Mrs. Shaw is not teaching you might find her roaming area antique shops, her favorites being in Lebanon. She also will drop anything for an opportunity to dine out, especially at J Alexanders. Tim Horton's coffee is nirvana to her and keeps her on her toes as she watches over the little ones. We think you will agree that Mrs. Shaw is a treasure to us here at First School!



First School is excited to welcome back Usborne Books & More for our Fall Book Fair during conferences on November 12th and 13th. Usborne Books & More is a leading provider of educational book fairs and is endorsed by the Campaign for a Commercial Free Childhood (CCFC).

The book fair will offer a wide selection of award-winning books including non-fiction, picture books, beginning readers for all reading levels, interactive books, reference books, kid kits, and much more! You'll find many new, exciting titles for your family, and every purchase will provide free books for your child's classroom. Book prices start at \$5, with an average price per book at the book fair of about \$10.

Mark your calendar! An Usborne Books & More Educational Representative will be available to assist you each day. Our book fair offers the additional convenience of online browsing and purchasing from the shopping link for First School at www.GrowingGreatMinds.com.

Teachers receive 50% of every purchase in free books for their classrooms! We will also have classroom wish lists available for anyone interested in helping our teachers add even more books to their classrooms.

Thank you for partnering with us in encouraging children to read!



First School is now a proud member of Box Tops for Education. We will be collecting Box Tops throughout the year, so start saving now. They can be found on most General Mills and Betty Crocker products. You find them on items like Huggies diapers, ziplock baggies, cereal, fruit snacks and many, many more. More information will come home soon. Also, don't forget to ask Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles and friends to save. Every box top counts. For more information on how you can help go to www.boxtops4education.com.



Please support the Holiday Aid program to help feed the hungry of the Miami Valley. Our food drive will begin November. 6th Look for reminder notes in your child's schoolbag.

SAFETY CHILD - THE CHILD I.D. PROGRAM OF AMERICA - NOVEMBER 16TH AND 17TH

In an emergency situation, law enforcement MUST IMMEDIATELY be provided with certain complete and accurate information and a current photograph to aid in the rapid, safe recovery of a lost or missing child. The first few minutes are critical. Safety Child's ID Program provides parents with the opportunity to purchase an identification card that contains all of the essential elements needed; high resolution photograph, complete physical description, date of birth, parent's name, address, phone numbers, important identifiers (glasses, braces, birthmarks, etc.), medical information, school name and the child's fingerprint. The Immediate Response Card is designed to be in the parent's possession at all times. Cards may also be used while traveling or any emergency situation. Parents may also choose to purchase additional safety items.



Please watch for an application envelope to be sent home with your child.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

In January we are going to be talking to your children about people and cultures all around the world. We would like to culminate this activity with any parent volunteers who would like to talk about and share their culture with the First School Children in a relaxed and informal setting.

Class pictures will be available at conferences for \$5 cash or a check made out to First School

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov 12-13	Parent Conferences
Nov 23-24	Thanksgiving Feasts
Nov 25	No School - WOE Day
Nov 26-27	Thanksgiving Break

Please remember that **all visitors** to First School must first check-in at our office.

When the front door is locked, please press the button to the right of the door. *You will be buzzed in.*

If your child is going to be absent, please call the office and let us know especially if your child has a field trip.