



First School
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**OCTOBER 2011
Newsletter**

Happy Fall!

*From: Meredith Florkey, Director of Curriculum
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School has gotten off to a fantastic start. The children are already acclimated and are having a wonderful time learning how to be great First School students! We look forward to an exciting October filled with Field trips and Halloween parties.

FIELD TRIPS

We have some fantastic trips planned this October! 2 1/2 classes will attend Hidden Valley Farm. 3 year old classes will visit Learning Tree Farm. 4 year old classes will explore Tom's Maze. Kindergarten classes will venture up north to Aullwood's Enchanted Forest. Details will be sent home in your child's school bag. Please send payment to your teacher prior to the date of the field trip. It is impossible for the teacher to have an accurate count while trying to direct parents, conduct a program, and watch out for children. Please dress for the weather. Each of these field trips is outside. Layers and tennis shoes or boots are best. We will conduct the field trip unless there is thunder or lightening at the site or the destination contacts us to cancel. If it is storming, call the school at 433-3455 and we will advise you how to proceed. We do not have a bus. We meet at the destination. A parent, babysitter, grandparent, or other adult friend will drive your child to the location, stay with the teacher and your child during the field trip, and then take your child home. **Do not come to school on the day of your field trip.** If you are unable to send someone with your child, he will not attend school that day.

LUNCH BUNCH

October's Lunch Bunch theme will be "Make Believe". We will discuss the difference between reality and make believe. We will do lots of dressing up, creating disguises, and reading literature that stretches our imagination. Science topics may be tricky things that would shock you. There may even be some treats later in the month... While weather allows, we will also play outdoor games and enjoy the playgrounds. Please remember that the pick up time for Lunch Bunch this year is 12:45. We have a **no peanut policy**. This means no peanut butter, almond butter, nutella, etc. Sun butter (made of sunflower seeds) is acceptable.

HELP WANTED

Do you love working with kids? Are you looking for a few hours to get back into the work force? First School is looking for substitutes. Hours will vary and can be scheduled while your child is in class. If you are interested in getting to know the school even better and being part of a great team of teachers, please contact Meredith Florkey at 433-3455 ext. 2 or mflorkey@att.net.

Dates to Remember:

- OCT 6 & 7 : Spirit Days
- Oct 6: Garden Class 11:30 or 7:00 pm
- OCT 11: Hidden Valley for Shaw and Hackathorne 2 1/2 T/TH AM
- October 12: Hidden Valley for Shaw 2 1/2 MWF AM
- Oct 18: Learning Tree Farm for DelGhingaro and Forster 3's AM T/TH
- Oct 19: Learning Tree Farm for Florkey, Kish, Wright MWF 3's. Kindergarten at AULLWOOD
- Oct 20: Tom's Maze for Merrill and Kershner AM 4's
- Oct 21: Tom's Maze for Merrill AM/PM, Hackathorne 4's MWF AM, Learning Tree for Hackathorne 3's PM
- Oct 27 & 28 Halloween Parties

SPIRIT DAYS

OCTOBER 6 & 7 wear your First School apparel or green and white to show your spirit all day. Tell everyone you see that First School is awesome! An order form of winter Spirit Wear items will be coming home soon. SALE: See Mrs. Yarger for leftover items from previous sales. Priced at \$5.00 each!

GARDEN

We will be working out in the garden each week this fall. We are now working on planting a fall harvest garden. If we are careful and protect it from the frost we may be able to harvest a salad for our Thanksgiving feast! We are also hoping to plant another round of spring bulbs this November.

If you are interested in helping the teachers and children in the gardens, please contact your child's teacher to be added to the email list. We will need help with a fall clean up soon!

