



Teddy Bear Preschool LLC

GAZETTE

September / October 2019

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Hello to our Teddy Bear families!

Our graduates have entered kindergarten and, from parent reports, they've been adjusting quite well in their new school environments. Some of them are older siblings to current students, and we are so happy to visit with them when they're here at pick-up or drop-off times. We miss them!

Our adjusted circle groups are settling in and enjoying their new activities. As we mentioned in our previous newsletter, in August the children are re-grouped according to their kindergarten entry year. It has been a smooth transition – the children are so interested and curious – and it's been a pleasure to welcome them to their new groups. We've also welcomed quite a few new students to the preschool in August. They've acclimated beautifully and I'm sure that the friendliness of our children has played a big part in the new ones' comfort and feelings of security.



SCHOOL PICTURE DAYS

Our photographer, Ben Kaatz, will be taking school photos on September 25 and 26, from 8:30 to 10:00. If your child is not scheduled to attend school on those days, you may bring him/her in to have a photo taken. Information sheets will be on the school entry counter in mid-September.



OUR GARDEN

We've harvested and eaten quite a few ripe, juicy tomatoes from our garden. We have enjoyed a bumper crop this year! The squash plants have produced a few young ones and we're expecting to pick and munch in late September or early October. Yum! We'll plant a winter garden of lettuces in November or December. Having a vegetable garden is a wonderful way to teach, in a hands-on way, the cycle of plant growth and how to tend and produce the foods we can eat. Also, harvesting and offering the vegetables to all students encourages young ones to try new foods, the ones they helped to grow!



AUTUMN IS UPON US

Autumn is such a fun time of year! So many changes – leaves turn brilliant colors and begin to fall, the sun shines through the yard at an angle, it's light golden and warm, and we enjoy the feeling of anticipation of upcoming festivals and holidays. Here is a great list of activities you can do to enjoy all that the season brings. Enjoy!

[Realsimple.com/work-life/entertainment/fall-activities](https://www.realsimple.com/work-life/entertainment/fall-activities)

HALLOWEEN

Halloween is an exciting holiday which can also be scary for small children. We have some fun art activities at school and plenty of opportunities to talk about children's favorite costumes. However, *please do not bring or wear any costumes to school.* Also, please remember the school policy of no candy packed in lunches. Thanks for your cooperation!

PUMPKIN PATCH PARTY

On Thursday, October 31, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., all are welcome to attend our annual Pumpkin Patch Party! We'll have cookie decorating, games, crafts, and every student gets to pick a pumpkin from the patch. Thanks to our volunteers who will be helping at the party – we couldn't do it without you! Volunteer sign-up sheets will be on the entry counter in mid-October.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

School will be closed for the following holidays:

- Labor Day - Monday, September 2
- Columbus Day - Monday, October 14
- Veterans' Day - Monday, November 11
- Thanksgiving – November 28 and 29
- Holiday Break - December 23 through 27



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