



The Pre-School Gazette

THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Greetings! Welcome to the October Edition of the Pre-School Gazette. As always we hope this Edition finds you in good health.

The month of October welcomes Autumn. Autumn marks the transition from summer into winter. A season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, when the arrival of night becomes noticeably earlier and the chill of winter is on the horizon. The harvest of fruits, vegetables, and grains are ripe for good eating. Caramel apples, pumpkins, and sweet potato pies, yams, and squash, and a time to enjoy the togetherness of family and warm up with some good hot apple cider. And last but not least we all enjoy the many colors of the beautiful Autumn leaves.

REMINDERS:

- Halloween is quickly approaching. 3Rs will have our Halloween Room Decoration Contest and Halloween Party on Monday, October 31, 2011 from 10am-12pm. Costumes are welcomed.
- All preschoolers between the age of 3-5 must have a Preschool Screening by May 31, 2012. It is very important to get this done sooner than later. No child will be allowed to start kindergarten without having this Pre-School Screening done.
- All Kindergartners must be registered for 1st grade by January 17, 2012.
- Parent - Teachers conferences will take place in November.
- Also, please keep your eyes on the whiteboard by your child's classroom so you keep up with what's going on in class.
- Its once again time for pictures! Lifetouch will be at 3Rs, November 8th and November 9th starting at 7:30am.
- 3Rs Early Childhood Learning Center will be **CLOSED** the following dates for the 2011-2012 Holiday Season.

Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011

Friday, Nov. 25, 2011

Friday, Dec. 23, 2011

Monday, Dec. 26, 2011

Friday, Dec. 30, 2011

Monday, Jan. 2, 2012

Monday, Jan. 16, 2012

Please make arrangements for alternative childcare.

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Welcome to all the new families who have joined the 3Rs family.



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OCTOBER CALENDAR



Schedule of Events

- October 10th - Columbus Day (Observed)
- October 10th - Thanksgiving in Canada
- October 28th - National Nations Day
- October 31st - Halloween



- Columbus Day falls on the second Monday in October. Columbus Day honors Christopher Columbus' arrival in America on Oct. 12, 1492.
- Canada's Thanksgiving Day also falls on the Second Monday in October.
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Celebrated for 25 years.
- October is also Fire Prevention Safety month. (See **fire safety in our home** on page 4)



CAR SEAT SAFETY

Even though most parents understand the need for using a car seat in their younger children, many children are still unnecessarily injured in car accidents. Among the factors that contribute to these preventable injuries are car seats used incorrectly or not used at all, children being placed in the wrong type of car seat, and moving children out of a car seat or booster and into regular seat belts at too early an age.

Your child should stay in a car safety seat with a full harness until the seat is outgrown, usually at about 40 pounds. When a child's shoulders are above the top set of strap slots, it is time for a

booster seat.

Booster seats protect the child's upper body with either the shoulder belt or with a shield. The booster also raises the child so the vehicle lap/shoulder belt fits well.

Why use a booster seat instead of a safety belt?

Most 40-pound children are not big enough to fit lap and shoulder belts properly. A belt that rides up on the tummy could cause serious injury. The adult lap and shoulder belt normally does not fit a child until they are about 4'9" tall and weigh approx. 80 lbs. Many young children do not sit still enough or

straight enough to keep lap belts low across their thighs. Boosters are comfortable for children because they allow their legs to bend normally. This also reduces slouching.

How long should the booster be used?

Try the vehicle belts on your child as they grow taller. When the child sits comfortably without slouching, with the lap belt low on the hips and the shoulder belt across the shoulder, use the belts without the booster. Lap belt fit is most important. A lap belt should fit low over a child's thighs. Keep the belt snug so it does not rise up onto tummy and cause injury.

OCTOBER POEM

I MUST LOVE YOU AN AWFUL LOT

I must love you an awful lot to make a costume such as this, I tell myself I'm crazy as I paint and glue and stitch

It would be so much easier to buy one at the store, I wish I'd put more thought in that when I was thinking this before.

But I could just envision how wonderful you'd look so I resolved to make your costume not matter what it took

And I've paid the price in hours being committed... I was caught

So I hope you like your costume OR So I hope you liked your costume it proves I love you an awful lot!

TEACHERS CORNER

Welcome New Staff:

Miss Briana Carey

Mr. Jamal McNutt

Miss Rachel Murphy

Also a special thanks to 3Rs Volunteer:

Miss Emily



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday
to the following staff and
students celebrating

October Birthdays:

Staff

Jamal McNutt 10/10

Tamara Wright 10/24

Students

Kellie Marah 10/03/06

Derreal Tyson 10/06/04

Jamal Davies 10/07/06

Shania Terrell 10/08/08

Zeyah Manwa 10/08/07

Donasia Bell 10/11/03

Levi D'Janie 10/13/09

Reginald Fuhnbulleh

10/17/07

Ahvion Bolden 10/17/05

Catherine Lam 10/25/06

Valarie Stokes 10/28/09

Tiawana Bolden 10/30/06



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

October's Employee of the Month
Mrs. Caroline Edwards

Mrs. Caroline has been with 3Rs since
February, 2008.

Mrs. Caroline works hard wearing many
hats around the center. She is here
from the time we open until the time we
close most days.

We at 3Rs are great-full for her dedi-
cation and hard work!

Congratulations, Mrs. Caroline!

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Where learning is an adventure.



3Rs Early Childhood Learning Center is a community-based child care center located in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota.

Our mission is to provide child care in a safe, comfortable and clean environment with an educational program that relates to the traditional three R's.

3Rs Early childhood Learning Center will provide a learning environment specific to each child's social, intellectual, cognitive and multi-cultural need. The center will be sensitive to every child's background and learning ability. 3R's strives to build self-esteem, character and will enhance reading, writing, and arithmetic using our own creative projects and curriculum.

FIRE SAFETY IN YOUR HOME

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All homes should have working smoke alarms. Fires can be prevented. A few easy steps can save your life!

- Watch young children closely. Never leave them home alone, even for a few minutes.
- Keep matches and lighters locked up, away from children.
- Teach children to tell you if they find matches or lighters.
- Make sure your children know the sound of your smoke alarm.
- Make and practice a family escape plan with your children.
- Hold a late-night fire drill to

see how your children react. If they don't wake up or are too sleepy to follow the escape plan, add to your plan waking up and helping the children.

- Teach children never to hide if there's a fire - but to **get out and stay out.**

- Dress your children in snug-fitting or fire-resistant pajamas.

Show your children how to stop, drop, and roll if their clothes catch fire.

Children and Home Fires Facts

- Children make up 15%-20% of all fire deaths.

- Children younger than 5 are at greatest risk of fire deaths and injuries, with a fire death rate more than twice the national average.

- Two thirds of fires that kill children younger than 5 are in homes that do not have a smoke alarm.

- Almost 55% of children ages 5 and under who die from home fires are asleep at the time.

- Nearly one third of children who die in fires are too young to react appropriately.

FIRE STOP PROJECT

