



Demarest Co-op News

September 2019



A Message from the President

The month of September definitely flew by in my opinion. I'm happy to be back in our daily routine although I didn't mind not packing lunches for anyone all summer! Students transitioned into the new school year smoothly and are off to a great start! Thank you to everyone that came out for back to school night. It's always nice to see parents getting to know one another and bond with the teachers. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions throughout the school year. I am usually pretty accessible during the school day! (christina.binaghi@gmail.com or call/text 201-988-6563)

Christina :-)

Reminders

Please add: demarestcoop@gmail.com to your contacts as you begin to receive more e-mails from this account throughout the school year.

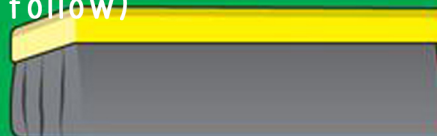
Tis' the season for head lice.

Please check your pre-schooler & their older siblings regularly to reduce the risk of spreading this pesky pest!

Tuition was due on October 15th. Thank you to all of those who have made their payment. If you haven't done so yet, please submit your tuition payment as soon as possible to avoid a late fee.

Saturday, October 20th:
Co-op Garage Sale 9am - 3pm

Wednesday, October 30th:
Trunk or Treat (details to follow)



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Miss Christine's Class

The 2's are adjusting well to school! The children love coming into the classroom and finding their photos over their hooks, hanging up their coats and then moving to the check in board to "put themselves in school". I am amazed how quickly they catch on to the classroom routine and how they are so excited to come to school each day.

I have "friends" that visit at circle time each day. Mr. Yellow Duck was our first "friend" to visit! One of our circle songs we are singing is "5 Little Ducks". We have the big book in our classroom and I sing it as we turn the pages. We look at the pictures and talk about what we see as we sing the story. During each circle we sing our "name game" song so the children can learn each other's names. Mrs. Paulson, our music teacher, has already visited our class and started teaching the children some new songs. Some of her favorites are "Matilda" and "Uncle Joe". She will visit our class every other Tuesday.

We have been busy working on lots of apple crafts in class. The children made finger painted apples, cinnamon scented apples for our apple pie tree, bubble wrap apples, and apple trees. Most of this art is displayed in our classroom. We read a big book about apples and how they grow. Many of the children talked about apple picking and how they love to eat apples!

Each child decorated their own placemat for snack time. Each placemat has their photo so they can find their place at the table for snack. Singing our snack song, eating snack and listening to the story are highlights of the day! Pete the Cat is a favorite! If you aren't familiar with Pete the Cat stories, I highly recommend them. They are entertaining and the kids really love them.

The children love to go outside to play. We are so proud that the children are doing such a great job walking out holding the rainbow rope! We observe the squirrels and birds, listen for the train, look for airplanes and sing songs on our walk.

We are off to a great start and we are looking forward to a fun year!

- Miss Christine



Miss Lisa's Class

What a great first month! We are having so much fun getting to know each other by bringing in the "Sharing Bucket." We still have a few friends to go but it has been a highlight of our day. We worked hard decorating our frames so that we could look through them to see our new friends. We love singing "I'm Looking through My Window" as well as "How Much Is That Squirrel in the Window?" We have a cute squirrel (puppet) in our classroom, and we named him Roy. He is very friendly, and he helped to teach us about the letter "S." He likes to make us guess items he has in his bag that start with the letter "S." We talked about how grown up we are now that we are 3 (or almost 3), and we explored the differences between ourselves and babies. For example, "when I was a baby, drank from a bottle and now I drink from a cup."

We made our own placemats for snack time, and we are preparing to learn to pour our own cups of water with little pitchers. This is a great fine motor skill as well as a social skill because the children are interacting by saying "Pass the water please," and they learn patience as they wait for their turns to pour. Here at the Co-op, we work to instill a sense of independence for our students so please encourage your child to hang up his/her own bag or coat and put their lunch in the basket if they are staying for Lunch Bunch or Extended Day.

We are so glad to finally have our school bags finished so we can bring them every day to carry our art or projects home in. Even if your child brings a backpack to school, please send his/her bag in as well because their art can get squished in the backpack. Also, please remember to send in a warmer change of clothes if you sent in shorts, etc. in September.

We have been having a lot of fun on the playground each day. Some of our friends are learning to ride a tricycle for the first time. (Little do they know that they are working on their gross motor skills when they are running & pedaling on the playground.) We have been learning to look both ways when we cross the parking lot, and we love singing the "Donkey Song" as we walk in. Please feel free to email or call me if you ever have any questions or concerns. Remember... we have an "open-door policy."

~ Miss Lisa



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Miss Laurie's Class

It can't believe that September is over! Before we know it the holiday season will be here! All of my little friends have adjusted beautifully to school. It's amazing how independent they have become in such a short time. New friendships are blossoming every day. It is wonderful to see.

We started the first week of school going over our classroom rules and routines. We reacquainted ourselves with old friends and enjoyed meeting some new friends. September's themes included friends, all about me, and family. One of our favorite stories was The Magic Friend Maker. We painted a special magic rock and spent time talking about the ways we could be a good friend to others. We learned some new words about friendship such as kindness, respect, and caring. Our special friendship songs are "I Care and So Do You", and "Friends, Friends, 1,2,3". Next, we spoke about ourselves and why we are special and unique. Many of us were surprised to find out that the day we were born is our birthday! We learned another song called "Special, Special, Special Me". Lastly, we spoke about our families. Two of our favorite stories were The Napping House and Goldilocks and The Three Bears. These stories were fun to read and retell over and over again using flannel board props.

On Thursdays, we have a combined classroom with 3s and 4s. Everyone is interacting very positively and really enjoying their time together! We have been exploring famous artists such as Vincent Van Gogh, Claude Monet, and Georgia O'Keefe. Check out the hallway for our fabulous art work!

Our classroom is filled with many different activities that the children can do each and every day. We are always extremely busy! Along with our morning meeting and various centers, we spend lots of time on kindergarten readiness skills. We work each and every day on letter recognition, letter sounds, numbers, math concepts, shapes, etc, etc. We also spend a lot of time on writing skills (writing our name) and cutting with scissors. Please practice these skills with your child as much as possible. They are learning to "Pinch" the crayon or marker when writing. Their grips are a very important part of their success.

We are loving our music classes. The children really enjoyed their time with Mrs. Paulson. Mrs. Wonderwhy, our science teacher, will be coming on October 16.

Our trip to Stokes Farm was so much fun. We loved the tractor ride with all of our friends, but I think if we took a survey, the DONUTS were our favorite part LOL.

We are looking forward to our trip to Lupardi's Nursery for some Halloween fun on October 21 and Trunk or Treat on October 30.



Happy Fall,
Miss Laurie