

Creative Montessori School

October Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We've had a really busy first month of school: helping the children learn the routines of choosing work, putting work away, having snack, and cleaning up after themselves. While the children have been practicing their new school skills, the teachers have been busy assessing everyone and making plans to encourage each child's progress. Besides all that we've also been learning about colors, shapes, numbers, and even letter sounds! Like I said, it's been a busy month!

October is going to be busy as well, with lots of new work to explore, plus several fun events. Please read on for more details on the month ahead, and let us know if you have any questions. Happy October!

Susan

Parent Meeting

Don't forget that tomorrow night, **Monday Sept. 25**, is our first parent meeting of the year, "An Introduction to Creative Montessori." This meeting is geared for our new families, although everyone is welcome. The meeting starts at 7:00, and after a brief talk we'll answer any questions you may have about the school year thus far. Remember that child care is not available for these evening parent meetings.

Picture Day Oct. 3

Each fall we are fortunate to have local photographer and former school parent Jennifer Palumbo, of Baby Boo Photography, come take individual photos of your children, which she offers for sale in a variety of portrait packages. Please be sure your child is at school that day—we know you'll be very pleased with her photos!

Fire Prevention Week

The second week in October is Fire Prevention Week, and each year we invite fire fighters from the Nicholasville Fire Department to come talk to the class about fire safety, and give everyone a tour of their fire engine. We'll let you know the date of their visit, so you won't be alarmed when you come for pick up that day and see a fire truck in the parking lot!

Halloween Party

One of the most fun events we have all year is our annual Halloween Party, which will be **Friday, Oct. 27, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** We will ask for two volunteers to coordinate this event, but hope all of you will help by signing up to decorate the Pavilion, bring food, and help with clean-up. There will be sign-up sheets on the bulletin board as it gets closer, so be sure to let us know how you'd like to help!

Misc. Announcements

The morning **drop-off line** has been going so smoothly and the children doing so well with getting themselves ready for school, that we can shorten the time a bit by beginning to unload the cars **at 8:55** instead of 8:50. Hopefully those extra five minutes will make your lives a touch easier in the morning!

At **pick-up time**, you are welcome to stay and play on the playground, once all the children have been dismissed. The church has asked, however, that you not let the children play freely on the sidewalk, parking lot, or around the Pavilion or garage, due to liability issues. Thank you!

We still need **immunization records** on several children. If we don't yet have an updated form for your child, we'll need it **by Sept. 30**. If you don't have a copy, you can have your doctor's office email you the form, and then forward it to Susan.

We also still need our annual **\$50 supply fee** from everyone, so this week Susan will contact those parents who haven't yet paid. Thanks for helping us equip our classroom for another school year!

A corrected copy of this year's **Class Roster** is attached—please look it over one more time to be sure everything is correct, and then we'll post it to our website.

The roster, along with our monthly newsletters and other school publications will be posted on the **Parents tab on our website**. To access this parent-protected page go to our website (creativemontessorischool.org), click on the Parents tab, and use the password: cms.

If you haven't already gained access to our **closed Facebook group** (Parents of Creative Montessori), please let us know. We want you to enjoy the photos we post there of your children busy and happy at school!

State law requires that we have an **Emergency Preparedness Plan** in place, and that we provide a copy for all families. You'll find it attached to this newsletter, as well as on our Parents website page.

September-October Calendar

Sept. 25	Parent Meeting: "Introduction to Creative Montessori," 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	Picture day
Oct. 5, 6	No school, Fall break
Oct. 24	River Mitchum will be five years old!
Oct. 27	Halloween Party! 6:30 to 8:00, in the Pavilion