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PreK Newsletter for the week of October 31, 2016

Interdisciplinary Unit of Study: "Five Senses"

Essential Question for this unit is: How do our senses help us explore, investigate and understand the world around us?"

Our focus question this week is: How do we use our sense of taste and smell?

Families are asked to invite their children to smell or taste a new food or something they would not usually eat. Provide prompts to encourage discussion, how does it look? What do you see? How does the food feel before you try it? How does it feel in your mouth? How does it taste? How does it smell? Would you try it again? Why or why not?

The students will be having "tasting parties" this week. They will try different kinds of apples. They will describe, draw and write about their preferences.

The students will also be having "smelling parties" this week. There will be a tray of cotton balls that have different scents on them. The students will try to guess what the odor is, and describe, draw and write about the smell.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, DISMISSAL IS AT 11:30 FOR PREK CLASSES.

PLEASE USE "SIGN UP" TO PLAN YOUR TIME FOR PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES. ATTACHED IS THE INFO ONCE AGAIN.

REMINDERS: PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU CHILD CAN PUT THEIR COAT ON. WE CAN HELP ZIPPER, BUTTON ETC. OUR GOAL IS TO FOSTER AND ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE.

WE ALREADY HAVE SEVERAL STUDENTS IN THE "ZIPPER CLUB"!