

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ROOM 1

During the challenging job of parenting you can use **encouragement** to boost your child's independence--become his/her cheerleading team! Examples: "I noticed you put your shoes on by yourself! High five!", "Thank you for helping set the table with napkins! You did it!"

We will focus on the theme of "**Fall**" rather than on Halloween during the month of October. While we will not have a party with costumes and candy, we will have **leaf work and pumpkin work** to do in our classroom. Our experience with this age group has been that they do not handle parties with parents at school very well because they have to say goodbye again after the party. Therefore, we do not do any holiday parties in Room 1 but wait for those in the older classrooms when the children can understand time a little more and are able to say goodbye more happily.

Here are some **Fall songs** we sing , both to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star":

*Brown leaves, brown leaves falling down, all around on the ground.
Changing colors all around, from green to yellow, orange and red.
Brown leaves, brown leaves falling down, all around on the ground.*

*Pumpkin, pumpkin on the ground, how did you get so big and round?
Once you were a seed so small, now you are a great big ball.
Pumpkin, pumpkin on the ground, how did you get so big and round?*

Please **label** your child's clothing with her/his initials on the tags, especially jackets, boots, extra clothes and even water bottles.

When you take home **bagged clothes** to be washed, please bring back a change of clothes the next day.

We have big puddles and mud on the playground—please bring
RAINBOOTS!

Miss Rose and Miss Julia

IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct. 24 & 25- School is Closed for **Parent/Teacher Conferences**--the Sign up sheet will be outside of our classroom door. Childcare is available for conference time only.