



## October 2016 Newsletter

*A Word from the Director.*



Our first weeks of the school year were a great success! The boys and girls have done a great job adjusting to our daily routine. We continue to review classroom rules and procedures as well as centers rules and proper indoor voice level.

Now, Fall has arrived! This is a great time of year to be taking walks, watching the leaves change and having our family get-togethers. This month we will continue learning about letters and their sound, colors, shapes, weather changes and all symbols associated with Fall. Our theme of this month will be "Means of Transportation". Kids are excited with The Fall Festival, The Book Fair and Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. We are ready to have fun in Fall!!!

Kind Regards,

Yazmin Hernandez

## ALL SCHOOL NEWS

### **"LIFE IS BETTER WITH GRANDKIDS"**

Thanks to the Grandparents who came to YPW last month and enjoyed a special activity with our kids.







**“FAMILY GOT TALENT”**

Hawthorn Kirkland’s Grandfather came to YPW and shared his music with us. Thank you, we had a great time!!



## “Enrichment Workshops”

We would like to share with you the enrichment workshops that our students from EPS, Preschool and Pre-K are taking twice a week and the objectives of these classes:

**Library (Biblioteca):** The objective of this class is to develop imagination, enrich their vocabulary, share ideas, learn to take turns when they are participating in a group activity, learn how to use correctly books and appreciate them.



**Math-Arts & Technology and Science Workshops:** We'll start this workshops with our teach Ms Maribel Thursdays and Fridays. This hands-on workshops help teach language development, , knowledge and understanding of the world, physical development, social & emotional development, art, math, science, engineering \$ technology with LEGOS Simple Machines.





**GYM:** The objective of this class is to develop gross motor skills, reinforce math concepts, since they follow patterns, learn to take turns in a group activity, team work, problem solving, enjoy an activity on a setting more free.



### “STONE SOUP PROJECT”

Last month we had The Stone Soup Project, with this project kids learned the importance of team work, they learned what is a “Fabula” Fairy Tale and the message of the story, they were able to recognize what happened at the beginning, in the middle and at the end of the story.

## BUILDING FUTURE LEADERS WITH CHARACTER

Our value for this month is **RESPONSIBILITY**. Children will develop skills, learn how to be responsible and how to apply it to life.

Remember we are a team, please talk with your kids about **RESPONSIBILITY** at home and let's educate our children with values.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** "Is taking ownership of my thought, words and actions" This trait is essential for becoming a healthy, happy and productive person. Responsibility begins with "little things" like taking care of your belongings, working with a good attitude, resolving conflict peacefully, and owning up to mistake. Taking responsibility in these "little things" prepares students for greater opportunities in the future.

Kids will learn:

- Know what's expected
- Keep commitments
- Do the best
- Not make excuses
- Correct mistakes

## TRICK- OR- TREAT FOR UNICEF

Worldwide, many kids need medicine, nutrition, clean water, emergency relief and education.

When kids Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, the donation they collect save lives. Learn about global citizenship and the value of helping others. That's why our kids at YPW will be doing Trick-or-Trick this year, last year we were able to get \$500, our goal for this year will be **\$1,000**. All profit from Fall Festival will go to UNICEF as well. Thank you for your support on this cause. For more information, check the following link:

<https://www.unicefusa.org/trick-or-treat>

## BOOK FAIR HOST BY SCHOLASTIC

A child's success as a reader begins much earlier than the first day of school. Reading and love for reading, begins at home. That's why we are going to have our Book Fair this month and it will be hosted by Scholastic October 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>

Reading tips for parents of babies: <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-babies>

Reading Tips for Toddlers & YEPS: <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-toddlers>

Reading Tips for EPS & Preschool: <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-preschoolers>

Reading Tips for Pre-K: <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-kindergartners>

## FALL FESTIVAL

“Fall is a second Spring where every leaf is a flower”

Come and join us for our exciting Fall Festival! YPW is working very hard to make this festival a successful one. Upcoming flyer will be sent. We are going to have many fun activities that night, please join us with all your family. October, 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm -8:30pm

## IMPORTANT DATES/ EVENTS

### October

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Book Fair hosted by Scholastic
- 10<sup>th</sup> No School / Teachers in Training
- 11<sup>th</sup> Toddlers Internal Open House 9:00am to 11:00am
- 12<sup>th</sup> YEPS Internal Open House 9:00am to 11:00am
- 13<sup>th</sup> EPS Internal Open House 9:00am to 11:00am
- 21<sup>h</sup> Fall Festival 6:30pm-8:30pm Benefiting UNICEF
- 25<sup>th</sup> Welcome Coffee
- 28<sup>th</sup> Parents Night Out

## CIRCLE TIME

### WHY ARRIVING BEFORE CIRCLE TIME IS SO IMPORTANT? WHAT IS IT IMPORTANT ABOUT CIRCLE TIME?

Circle time provides toddlers and preschoolers important skills academically, behaviorally and emotionally. Teachers know that teaching on many levels occurs within the circle. For many students, circle time activities provide much of the social, emotional and behavioral skills necessary for academic learning to occur.

### Significance

Traditionally circle time takes place at the beginning of the school day. Often students take part in calendar and weather activities at this first circle time of the day. Circle time activities may also occur throughout the day, either scheduled or unscheduled as the need arises. Time frame of a circle time activity varies but often lasts between ten and twenty minutes at most. Our classrooms have a permanent circle time activity area often designated by an area rug or other floor markings.

### Function

Circle time activities function as far more than crowd control and a place to gather. For many teachers, circle time provides a means to establish procedures, expectations and rapport. Academic learning certainly occurs during circle time activities but the time spent establishing procedures and expectations provide young learners with the groundwork that allow academic learning throughout the day. Many students need the accepted socialization standards and rapport that circle time activities build in order to learn academically, especially if they have not come to school with those skills established.

**Therefore, parents please make sure to be here the latest by 8:45 am. In this way the children have at least 15 minutes of “free play” before we start with the circle time.**

Also, when you bring your child before 9 am, our teachers will be able to welcome / greet each of your children very warmly in the morning and she will be able to talk to you if needed. ***However, after 9 am, once the circle time has started, your teacher may not be able to greet you or your child as she is busy with the daily circle time routine. It can also be disruptive to the other children for the teacher to pull away and properly greet/help a latecomer.***

## **PARENT HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS**

**Illness / Exclusion** Your cooperation is needed to maintain a healthy and safe environment for our school. Please follow these guidelines to decide whether to keep your child at home or not:

- 1) An illness that prevents the child from participating in routine activities
- 2) An illness that requires more care than the staff can provide without compromising the needs of the other children in the group
- 3) A child's presence poses an increased risk to others with whom the child may be in contact The school cannot admit any child appearing to be sick, without a written statement from a doctor or registered nurse certifying that no contagious disease is present.

Children should be kept at home when they meet any of the following criteria:

- Ear, oral or underarm temperature of 100.4 or higher
- Temperature of 99.4 or higher, in the past 24 hours
- Conjunctivitis ("pink eye"), redness of the eye and/or lids, usually with yellow discharge.
- Bronchitis, which begins with hoarseness, cough, and a slight elevation in temperature.
- A rash you cannot identify or which has not been diagnosed.
- Impetigo: red pimples, which become small vesicles surrounded by a reddened area.
- Diarrhea three or more times within 24 hours
- Vomiting within 24 hours - A cold with fever, sneezing, or nose drainage
- An unknown illness without obvious symptoms other than unusual paleness, irritability, tiredness, or lack of interest.
- A contagious disease, including measles, chicken pox, mumps, strep throat, etc. While we regret the inconvenience caused by strict adherence to these guidelines, our concern for all the children dictates a very conservative approach when dealing with health matters. Because of conflicting medical opinions about the advisability of re-admitting children receiving treatment who still appear ill, the school will err on the side of safety when making such decisions and ask for your tolerance and understanding. Should your child contact a contagious illness, please notify the school immediately so other parents can be alerted to the possibility of exposure. Guidelines issued by the Texas Department of Health dictate re-admission criteria. Contact the office for details.

## **SOMETHING TO SHARE** **“A LAVAR NUESTRAS MANOS”**

Year around we preach the importance of proper hand washing. With cold and flu season fast approaching. It is especially important to acknowledge that good hand washing is the first line of defense against the spread of illnesses including the common cold and the influenza virus. Germs can unknowingly be spread simply by touch, often times being pass back and forth many times. Usually it's just a matter of time before everyone comes down with the same illness. To minimize the germs passed about and to diminish the incidence of colds and the flu make frequent hand washing at home.





**“Welcome Sinclair”.**

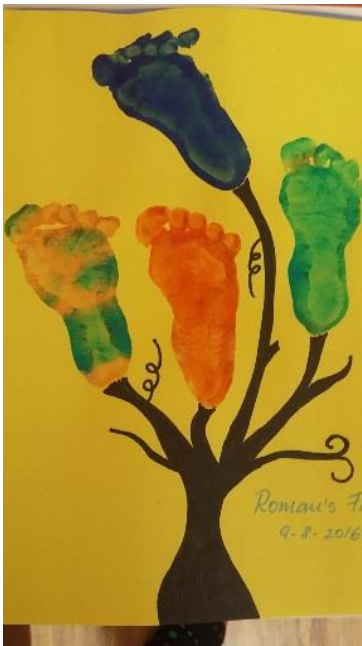
Our class still growing! Sinclair joined us the month of September as a new member of our Infant Class, we welcome her and we will do our best so she will feels at home.

This month we are working to develop in our children the concept to meet and discover themselves through multiple sensory activities.

We also, made a beautiful activity with our feet representing our family.

This has been a wonderful month with beautiful smiles and giggles of your children with their angel faces.

Sincerely, Miss Ines & Miss Lulu



**Friendly reminders:** Parents bring a family picture. Thank you!

**Crawling time!**

We are very excited! Joe Macias is successfully sitting and interacting with his classmates. Jayne Sonnier has adapted to her new class and started crawling everywhere and making new friends. Ford, Celeste and Charlie are taking little steps and getting ready for Toddlers Class.

Sincerely, Miss Liliana & Miss Erica



**Friendly reminders:** Please check cubbies and make sure everything is in place and all the required items are in there. Items to check: cloths, food, milk etc.

**Let's Pretend!**

Kids love to play pretend, this month they pretended to be a chef using costumes and playing in our kitchen. Also they used food, toys, and pans, they really enjoyed it!

This month they recognized family members and enjoyed Grand Parent's visit.

Parents, this is a perfect age to try new meals at home with your kids, using a variety of foods

Dearly Ms. Rocio, Ms. Indira





**Friendly reminders:** Don't forget to read your child's daily sheet, look for any material that they will be needing.  
Thank you!

## Discovering My Future!

This month we worked with activities according to the themes of the month which was “All Around Us” One of those were an art project, they made an apron for their Grand Parents.

Although, we were celebrating Grandparents’ Day, teachers and kids prepared special snacks for them.

Kids learned about community helpers: doctor, nurse, firefighter, chef and construction workers and they recognized how they are important in the community.

We also welcomed Liliana to YEPS.

Sincerely, Miss Maria & Mirtha



**Friendly reminder:** Parent’s please remember to sign in and out your student every day as well as bring diapers and baby wipes as needed or requested from the teacher. Don’t forget the water bottle daily and extra clothes and shoes.

## EARLY PRESCHOOL

### Having Fun With Letters!

Early Preschool Parents, we want to let you know that during the month of September children learned the color "black", letter "I" and "O", numbers "3, 4" and "square".

Math concepts: top-down, inside-out, fast-slow.

They are learning to share.

Children enjoyed exploring with paint and manipulate the dough.

Next Month children will learn: the color orange, numbers 5 and 6, letters U, M and triangle.

Finally, we want to say thank you to the grandparents that joined us in "Grandparent's Day"

Dearly, Miss Yolanda & Elodys



**Friendly Reminders:** Remember that kids explore and use different material such paint, clay, glue etc. Please send comfortable clothes.

It is important to be on time. Circle time begins at 9:00 am. THANK YOU"

## PRESCHOOL

### Fall in Love with Numbers!

We are excited about the beginning of the school year, we are focusing on knowing the rules of our classroom, also in meeting new friends and learning to recognize and draw our name. Next month we will be recognizing and tracing letters and their sounds. We will be reinforcing numbers from 1 to 20.

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Best regards, Miss Karina & Miss Wendy



**Friendly Reminder: Friendly Reminder:** As we mentioned before, it's very important for the students not to bring toys from home. Children may bring toys from home only when instructed by the teacher. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!" Thank you!

### Having Fun with my Grand Parents!

The theme of the month was “All About Me” children learned about, family, community, house, jobs, etc. One of the activities that we had last month was” Family Got Talent” and some family members came and shared their talent with us, kids learned the importance of being a part of a family and that families form communities.



As you can see in this picture, Children are tracing letter and developing fine motor skills.



This month we celebrated the birthdays of **Robert, Miss Julie and Luke.**





**Friendly Reminder:** Remember that every Friday we have "Show and Tell", so is important that your child bring a special toy to share with their friends .

### After School

#### **Back To School!**

The after school kids of YPW are settled into their new routine. We worked on knowing our friends, our space and our school.

Students observed different properties of the balloon.

Students predicted if the balloon would light up if we put water inside the balloon

Celebrate customs and traditions of Mexico.

Student created a tear art of the Mexican flag and learned about "16 de Septiembre".





**Friendly Reminder:** Please remember that pick up time is no later than 6:00 p.m. Thank you!  
If your child is going to be absent don't forget to send an e-mail: [ypwcentral@ypwkids.com](mailto:ypwcentral@ypwkids.com)