



Fairview Press Parent Newsletter November 2016

Look what our students have learned!

- 72.7% of four year olds are proficient in rote counting
- 77% are proficient in 1-1 correspondence
- 59.7% are proficient in recognizing numbers
- 73.3% are proficient with geometric shapes
- 39.2% are proficient with letter knowledge
- 28.4% are proficient with letter sounds
- We will continue to share our learning data in our school newsletters so you can see our students' growth.
- *Thank you families for being so involved!*



Calendar of Events

- November 7, PTO meeting from 4-6 p.m. in the cafeteria. We will be planning our Turkey Bingo night. We are taking donations of turkeys or other prizes for our event.
- November 8, Picture Retake Day. Please return your other picture packet if you wish to have a retake.
- November 9-16, Scholastic Book Fair in the hallway during school hours. We accept cash, checks and credit/debit cards.
- November 9, Family engagement workshop offered in Spanish at 8:10 and 12 in the cafeteria on how to get a library card. Food will be served.
- November 10, parent teacher conferences from 2:30-5:30 in your child's classroom. Your child's teacher will be sending home a sign up sheet soon. We will also have a book fair!
 - November 11, No school, Veteran's Day.
Thank you for your service VETERANS!
- November 15, parent teacher conferences from 2:30-5:30 in your child's classroom.
- November 17, Turkey Bingo Night. Please come join us for a chance to win your Thanksgiving turkey! We will also have open gyms.
- November 18, No school for EC students only, teacher professional development day
- November 21, Grandparent's Day assembly with children's singer Jim Gill. Families, please join us at 9:15 and 1.
 - November 23-November 25, No school, Thanksgiving break
- November 30, Family engagement workshop on 1-2-3 discipline magic for pre k from 4:30-5:30 in room 12. Pizza will be served!

Please check out our website for family events, pictures, announcements, student learning data and much more!

Here is the link to our website: <http://www3.rps205.com/Schools/EC/Fairview/Pages/default.aspx>

Safety on Halloween



Parents can help prevent children from getting injured at Halloween by following these safety tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Safety Council.

Children should:

- Go only to well-lit houses and remain on porches rather than entering houses.
- Travel in small groups and be accompanied by an adult.
- Bring treats home before eating them so parents can inspect them. Although the risk that your child's Halloween candy has been tampered with is extremely low, there is also the chance that his candy is unwrapped or spoiled.
- Use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid or sharp. (none at all would be best)!
- When walking in neighborhoods, they should;
- Use flashlights, stay on sidewalks, and avoid crossing yards.
- Cross streets at the corner, use crosswalks (where they exist), and do not cross between parked cars.
- Stop at all corners and stay together in a group before crossing.
- Wear clothing that is bright, reflective, and flame retardant.
- Consider using face paint instead of masks. (Masks can obstruct a child's vision.)
- Avoid wearing hats that will slide over their eyes.
- Avoid wearing long, baggy, or loose costumes or oversized shoes (to prevent tripping).
- Be reminded to look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.

Parents and adults should:

- Supervise the outing for children

under age 12.

- Establish a curfew (a return time) for older children.
- Prepare homes for trick-or-treaters by clearing porches, lawns, and sidewalks and by placing jack-o-lanterns away from doorways and landings.
- Avoid giving choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies, or small toys as treats to young children.
- Inspect all candy for safety before children eat it.
- Parents and adults should ensure the safety of pedestrian trick-or-treaters
- Make sure children under age 10 are supervised as they cross the street.
- Drive slowly.
- Watch for children in the street and on medians.
- Exit driveways and alleyways carefully.
- Have children get out of cars on the curb side, not on the traffic side.

And a few tips about pumpkins:

- Carve pumpkins on stable, flat surfaces with good lighting.
- Have children draw a face on the outside of the pumpkin, then parents should do the cutting.
- Place lighted pumpkins away from curtains and other flammable objects, and do not leave lighted pumpkins unattended.

Who Is Affected?

- A study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) showed that during 1975-1996, Halloween poses special risks to young pedestrians. For example, most of the time children spend outdoors is typically during daylight hours. However, Halloween

activities often occur after dark. Also, children engaged in "trick or treat" activities frequently cross streets at mid-block rather than at corners or crosswalks, putting them at risk for pedestrian injury. Many parents overestimate children's street-crossing skills. The pedestrian skills of children are limited by several factors related to their physical size and developmental stage. For instance, young children may lack the physical ability to cross a street quickly, and their small size limits their visibility to drivers. Children are likely to choose the shortest rather than the safest route across streets, often darting out between parked cars. In addition, young children do not evaluate potential traffic threats effectively, cannot anticipate driver behavior, and process sensory information more slowly than adults.

Please remember!

- Please park in the back parking lot or on the school side of Fairview Avenue. Please do not park in the bus lane, on the west side of Fairview Avenue or in the apartment parking lot.
- Please remember to send your child/children in weather appropriate clothing. The weather is getting cool and jackets, long pants and long sleeves are appropriate. Please also make sure the change of clothes in your child's locker is weather appropriate.
- If you need assistance, please visit the Fairview Fairshare clothing, book and educational toy room. It is open from 8:00-4. Donations are also accepted and should be clean and in usable condition.

Sincerely,
Darcy Dunn, Principal

