

Dear Parents,

We want to send out a HUGE ~Thank You~ to all of you who helped make our Halloween party so successful! Every donation, big or small, was greatly appreciated.

Even though it's sunny, the temperature outside is still chilly. We try to go outside daily, remember to send a **coat** with your child everyday. Our classroom also gets a bit cold, so sending a small jacket to leave at school would also be a good idea.

We would also like to remind you it is the season of illness. We have several confirmed cases of the stomach bug. Please remember, if your child has diarrhea, has vomited, or has a fever, they must **stay home for 24 hours before** they return to school. When they return to school they must be fever free without the assistance of medication. This is a school wide policy.

This week, we taught the children our new November practical life works. We taught them how to arrange flowers, how to use a ladle and how to pour liquid without spilling. Next week, we are teaching them how to wash and peel potatoes. Your little kiddos will be ready to help you with your Thanksgiving Dinner preparations.

We need a **few donations** to help supply some of our November practical life activities. We are in need of several jars of whole cloves. **Not** crushed or ground cloves. The children are putting them in oranges for a holiday work. We are also in need of several ears of dried corn. The kids are using tweezers to tweeze the dry corn off the cob. This is a great activity to help enhance fine motor skills and it's fun, too.

Each month, we teach the children a new patriotic song along with a new nursery rhyme to sing with the alphabet. This month, we are teaching a classic... Neil Diamond's, "America". This song is perfect for the month of November because it's about immigrants and their journey to come to America to be Free similar to the Pilgrims.

**Grandparents Lunch:** At AISU we know the importance of family, especially grandparents! On Wednesday 11/15, Thursday 11/16 or Friday 11/17, AISU will host their "Just Because" Grandparents Days. Students are encouraged to invite their grandparents, an "honorary grandparent" or another special guest to join them for lunch and then to browse the book fair afterwards. Please see the attached document for more information on the event.

**Kindergarten Sharing Feast: November 21st-**This year we are going to have a Sharing Feast to celebrate Thanksgiving in our class. This will be a regular school day and the feast will take place during school hours. We are asking for each child to bring their favorite snack, enough to share with about 10 friends. Please keep in mind we do have a nut allergy in the class. We would prefer all items be low in sugar and more on the healthy side. Some examples might be: apple slices, carrots and dip, bagels and cream cheese, strawberries, etc.... These items **MUST** be store bought and in original sealed packing. This is a school wide policy from the State Health Department.

**Snack:**

If your child's name begins with the **letter K**, it's your child's turn to donate snack for the week. Please remember that we try to have a low sugar (if possible) snack each day. If you are able, please provide a snack for 54 children for at least 1 day during the week. Please be advised, we do have a child with a serious allergy to Nuts!

**Upcoming:**

November 8<sup>th</sup> - No School

November 10<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night 7PM

November 13<sup>th</sup>-21 -Book Fair

November 17<sup>th</sup>-Dancing With the Teachers

November 21<sup>st</sup>-Kindergarten Sharing Feast

November 21st- Celebration of Learning- Come and take a stroll through our class art gallery starting at 3:15

November 21st- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the newly installed playground. (YES, the playground is going to be installed) The time for the ceremony is yet to be determined.

November 22-27<sup>th</sup>- No School

December 2<sup>nd</sup>-Breakfast with Santa -Hosted by the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)  
December 8<sup>th</sup>-Movie Night  
December 15<sup>th</sup> –Papa, Pancakes and Pajamas- (papa's, take the morning off work now)  
December 18<sup>th</sup>-Jan 1st- No School  
January 2<sup>nd</sup>- Return to school

Don't forget to check out AISU's new website- [www.myaisu.org](http://www.myaisu.org)

**Facebook Parent Page:** AISU has a Facebook page for elementary families. It's a closed group and you need to request to be added. It's called AISU Elementary K-5th Parents. Send in a request and we will add you to the group. We try and post pictures of kids from our class every few weeks and the school will also post reminders of upcoming events. It's another great way to stay connected!

The Dragonfly Team

***"Teach by teaching, not by correcting"***  
***-Maria Montessori***