September/October 2003

Morning Program --- Teacher Gloria Estrada

We would like to take this time to welcome new and returning parents to the center!

The classroom phone number is 818-364-7862

To make things run smoothly, here are a few reminders that will enhance our success at school:

1. Keep a change of clothes in your child’s cubby at all times.
2. Pick up your child no later than 2:00pm on Fridays.
3. Be sure to lock the gate securely behind you when you leave the center. This is for the safety of our children.
4. Please label your children’s clothing with their name on all items you bring.
5. Inform us when there is a change in your schedule, or when someone else is picking up your child. Please make sure this adult has a California ID with them.

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During the month of September, we have been learning about our Self-Image, the Five Senses, and Family and Friends.

The children have been very busy painting the large tree on the bulletin board, as well as making apples and green leaves for the tree, using various art media. This tree will be up during the school year, however, every month the tree will change and take form in various themes to match the changing seasons of the year.
Harvest Fest Events

In the month of October, we will have a Harvest Fest and a Costume Parade at our Center. The children will go Trick-or-Treating on campus on **Friday, October 31st at 9:45am**. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes. Parents, be sure to bring a change of clothes. (Please, no masks, play weapons, or inappropriate costumes.) Also, **parent volunteers are needed for this event**. Please sign up no later than **Monday, October 27th**.

Starting at **10:30am**, we will be doing some exciting activities. Parents are encouraged to participate. Your children will enjoy:

- Face painting by our artistic staff
- Making ghostly lollipops
- Crafting a popcorn creepy hand
- Creating marshmallow spiders
- Drinking Frightful Punch

The children have been working on a book! The name of the book is **The Apple Tree**. They will be “publishing” their books themselves, just like many new writers. Parents will be enjoying the first (and only) edition by November 1st.

Teacher Gloria has signed our classroom up for “Let’s Find Out” magazine. It is a magazine that is an important resource we will be using to develop early reading and critical thinking skills. Each child will be getting 32 weekly issues this year for only $3.95. There will be activities in language, social studies, science, music, and movement. For example, today they made their own book and sang a song about what the weather was like on the way to school. They also learned how to say “thank you” to their classmates. They enjoyed the vivid pictures and learned new skills. Parents, please arrange your donation to cover the nominal fee with Teacher Gloria.

Thank you, Parents, for giving us the opportunity to enjoy helping your children grow and develop. They are delightful and very special to us!