

RUMCK October News

* **Welcome:** The week of October 5 we will welcome three new classes at RUMCK! Elizabeth Hackman and Kari Fabregas will teach the 3-day (M/W/F) 30-36 months class. Amy Kraft and Susan Burris will teach the 3-day (T/Th/F) 3-year-old class; Tina Zilleox and Jennifer Gibbons will teach the 4-day (M-Th) 3-year-old class. Thank you for your patience as we add classes to morning and afternoon carpool.

* **Holiday:** RUMCK will be closed on Monday, Oct. 12, in observance of Columbus Day.

* **Fall Focus:** School activities at this time of year focus on the fall season and the bounty of harvest time! Please leave the goblins, ghosts, and witches at home if you are planning a school activity or helping your child select a special item for show and tell.



* **Speech, Language, Hearing, Vision Screening:** Speech language pathologist, Lee Lynch, will conduct individual screenings at school October 20-22. Information regarding this screening will be sent home with children in the four-year-old classes and kindergarten. The cost for the complete service is \$30. All screening forms and payment should be returned by Thursday, Oct. 15.

* **RUMCK Fall Festival:** Our fall festival has been reimagined this year and is scheduled for the children on October 27-28 during their regular school day. This includes

dressing up in western wear, moving and grooving with Ms. Sally and Ms. Kate, and socially distanced singing with Ms. Ginny. Everyone will have a special pumpkin to take home.



* **Music with Ms. Ginny:** We are enjoying music in our outdoor classroom! It is such a gift to sing with the children and hear their sweet voices. October will give us a wonderful opportunity to have fun as we sing about farms and the fall season. Often music is a way for children to express themselves, but it truly is so much more. I encourage you to share music with your child any chance you get.

When you share music with your child, he is:

- expanding focusing skills
- improving auditory learning
- developing language from songs

- stimulating pathways in the brain that are also used in math
- enlarging memorization skills
- introducing the brain to patterns
- encouraging creativity and expression

Amazing isn't it? When we share music with our children, we are really sharing so much!

* **Creative Movement with Ms. Dawn:** Creative movement is a place where children come to help their little bodies move, stretch, and get the wiggles out. We have been playing with balloons on the parachute, learning to throw a football, and having fun with bean bag activities. We participated in an obstacle course which included walking on the balance beam, jumping on the trampoline, and sliding down the slide! With fall already here, October will be a time for the pumpkin toss and apple relay races. Since we are so active in creative movement, athletic shoes work best. We encourage all your children to try new things in a safe and loving environment.