

RUMCK October News

- * **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 reading to your child's class or helping your child select a special item for show and tell.



- * **Children's Consignment Sale:** Our fall sale was a wonderful success with proceeds totaling over \$6,000! This is a huge benefit to the school, especially during these challenging times! Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers who so generously offered their time and talents to support the school. We look forward to seeing you at our spring consignment sale on March 18-19!

- * **Thank You:** We are very grateful to our consignment sale co-chairs, Katie Jones and Bridget Worrell, who did an excellent job! A big thank you goes out to all who faithfully served on the committee: Jacquie Hungerbuhler, Liz Baynard, Laura Sanders, Katie Segal, Kristen Wittan, Julie Fritz, and Christy Lord.



- * **Foster Care Support Foundation** received the majority of donations from the consignment sale for charity. These items help clothe an estimated 2,000 children passing through their doors! They are most grateful for our donations and the high quality of the clothing. Foster Care Support is always in need of volunteers, so please email vol@fostercares.org if you would like to help at the distribution center on Mansell Place. Those items that Foster Care Support could not accommodate were donated to North Fulton Charities.

- * **Congratulations:** Mrs. Zilleox and Mrs. Horde's three-year-old class had the highest percentage of parent participation at the consignment sale! They won \$100 for their classroom and a pizza party!

- * **Firefighter Visit:** Firefighters from the Roswell Fire Department will be visiting our school on October 6-7. Children in the three-year-old classes and older will learn about fire safety. However, the highlight is definitely the fire engine! Be sure to ask your child about the rules of fire safety and a demonstration of "stop, drop, roll, and cover your face." All activities will be held outside this year.



* **Speech, Language, Hearing, Vision Screening:** Speech language pathologist, Lee Lynch, will conduct individual screenings at school October 12-15. Information regarding this screening will be sent home with children in the three-year-old classes and older. The cost for the complete service is \$35. All screening forms and payment should be returned by Friday, Oct. 8.

* **RUMCK Fall Festival:** Our fall festival for the children is scheduled on October 20-21 during their regular school day. This includes a fun hayride around the parking lot in search of the pumpkin patch. The children delight in discovering the animals, singing in the pumpkin patch, and finding a special pumpkin to take home.



* **RUMC Second Fridays on The Commons** will welcome fall on Friday, Oct. 8, at 5:30 pm with activities for the whole family including food, music, a petting zoo, pony rides, and more!

* **Music with Ms. Ginny:** Our musical highlight of the month was sharing our chapel songs during your visit for “Moments with Mom.” I love watching parents share music with their children. In a Musikgarten training workshop, I learned when you share music, you are actually affecting how a child learns and grows.

When you share music with your child, she 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 working on rolling and catching balls, playing with the parachute and balloons, learning to throw a football, kick a soccer ball, 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 fun time for pumpkin themed activities. 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!

- * **Publix Partners:** The school participates in the Publix Partners program. Sign up for Club Publix or log in to your existing account, click Publix Partners, and select RUMCK. Every time you shop at Publix, pay with the Publix app or enter your phone number at checkout, and cash is given back to the school.

- * **Parents' Morning Out:** There are still a few openings in PMO for this fall. Drop-off care is also available with a reservation. Hours are Tues-Fri: 9:15-12:45. Contact Danna Coffey: 770-261-1714 or dcoffey@rumc.com