



# Director's Corner

Our new school year has gotten off to a slow start. We are all waiting for our newly renovated classrooms to open. As mentioned earlier, we will have 17 new slots for children 3 mos. to 2 years old, yes!!! A little more work to do before the classes can open. See attached pictures. We will be furnishing the classes next, as well as continue our search for qualified staff. Spread the word!

We would like you to **WELCOME** our newest team members:

- Ms. Sonora Howard  
Before and Aftercare Ass't. Teacher
- Ms. Karen Scott  
Nap Time Aide
- Ms. Keyda Young  
Teacher (new toddler class)

Please read their attached "bios".

You may remember this time last year we were getting ready for mandatory **OBSERVATION ASSESSMENTS** mandated by OSSE/DEL, Office of the State Superintendent of Education, Division of Early Learning. We received

our scores and designation last month. Our scores deemed us a "Quality" program which is equivalent to our NAEYC Accreditation rating. We are pleased to announce that we maintained our rating as a "Quality" program, however, our goal is to become a "High Quality" program, which is the highest designation you can receive through the "Capital Quality Rating System". Designations are shown on our profile at "My Childcare DC". We will be assessed again, late this Fall. Please remember to have your child at school by 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and that 9:30 a.m. is our cut off time for accepting children unless there is an emergency or medical excuse for the tardiness.

**St. Timothy's partnership with Educare, DC's Early Head Start Program** is going quite well. If your child is 3 mos. – 2.11 mos. and think you may qualify for Early Head Start, please stop by my office to see me or Ms. Ashley, our Family Engagement Specialist. Family benefits of the program are great which include but are not limited to free diapers and wipes, additional health screenings, a family engage-



You are cordially invited to attend  
The 75th Anniversary of  
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
Saturday, October 5th (Gala)  
Sunday, October 6th (Homecoming Festivities)

ment support team and so much more. Our staff benefit from the EHS Program also with additional training, classroom support, and coaching. All of the children and families benefit from the support staff is provided as well as new/additional supplies and equipment. Much more to come.



We **WELCOME** back Ms. Anna Hakim. She is our **Department of Behavioral Health Consultant**. Ms. Hakim has worked with St. Timothy's before and we are so happy to have her back. She is with us every Monday. Attached is her "bio".

Please remember to **check your email and text messages** every day. This is one way we communicate with you daily.

**Beginning Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** we will be asking all parents to complete our **Daily Health Inspection Form** each morning when signing your child in. It will take only a few minutes. Completing this form is an Early Head Start requirement but we have decided this is a great tool to use for all of our little ones. Attached is a copy of the form.

**Annual Family Survey:** Results from our 2018-2019 school year survey will be posted in our November 2019 Newsletter. Thank you for your participation.

**Back to School Night:** Will be held on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Please make every attempt to attend. Information, Fun, Food, and Door Prizes! Child care provided!

**Update:** Please update any of your contact information as well as your emergency contact information. This should include email addresses, cell numbers, work numbers, and cell phone numbers. We need to be able to contact you in an emergency.

**Medical Forms must be updated annually:**

- Health Certificate
- Oral Health Form
- Medication
- Food Substitutes
- Food Allergies

**THE REMINDERS**

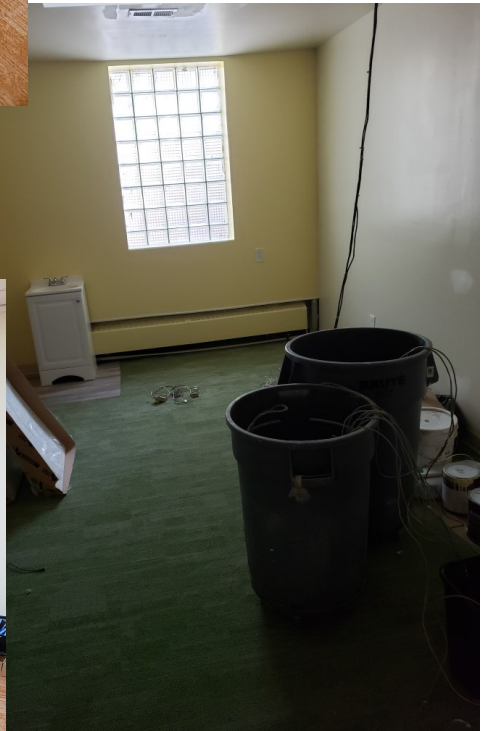
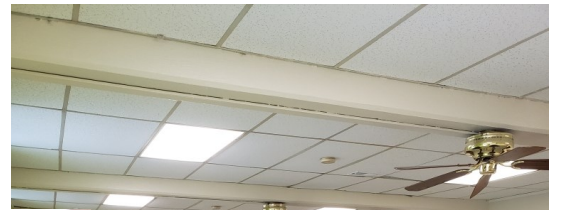
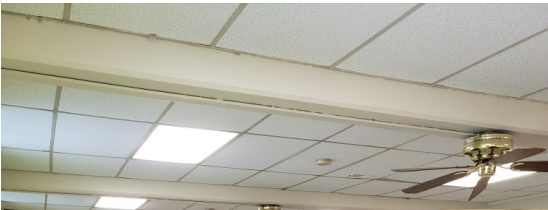
1. Please keep all medical appointments to assure updates are made in a timely manner.
2. All fees must be paid on time. If late, then a fee is charged and it is due with payment. If you have any questions or concerns, please see me, Mrs. Robison.
3. Children must be at the CDC by 8:30 a.m. for breakfast.
4. School-aged children must be at the CDC no later than 8:15 a.m. for breakfast.
5. All children must be signed in upon arrival and signed out upon departure.
6. All children taking naps must have a sheet and a cover for covering up.
7. All sheets and covers must go home on Fridays for cleaning and returned on Mondays.
8. All children need a complete change of clothing maintained at the CDC.
9. Be sure to label your children's belongings.
10. The CDC closes promptly at 6:00 p.m. Please pick your child up on time.
11. Late fees for "late pick-ups" are due upon arrival.
12. Please be mindful of your child's time at the CDC. There is a 10-hour limit per day. See your Parent Handbook.

Aubrey	3rd
Kyrie	4th
Jordyn	7th
Solace	10th
Manny	11th
Ms. Linda Young	30th



Until next month... **Yvonne A. Robison**

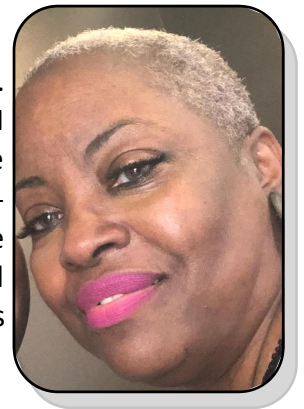
# renovations





I am **MS. YOUNG**, the newly installed lead Teacher for the two year old toddlers class. I was born and raised in the ward 8 section of the District. I attended DC Public Schools and received my diploma from Frank W. Ballou High School. In May 2019, I graduated from Trinity University with a bachelor of art degree in Human Relations. I have more than eight years of early childhood education experience in which I taught in Virginia and the District. It is such a pleasure to be a part of St. Timothy's Child Development Center. I am elated to have the opportunity to build a strong communication relationship with all the great parents. When you have active teamwork between parents and teachers, children are able to grow and learn better.

Hi! I am **KAREN SCOTT**. I am a native Washingtonian and the parent of two children. After working in law firms for 46 years, I am officially done. I retired in February 2019. I have been a foster parent for 20 plus years and through this journey have gained the title of mom again by adopting two of my previous foster children. I am currently working a couple of hours per day at St. Timothy's, keeping my eyes on our children while they are napping and the teachers take their lunch breaks, and attend trainings and meetings. Simply put, I am doing what I love and loving what I am doing—that is demonstrating LOVE to ALL of OUR babies.



My name is **SONORA HOWARD** and I am a college student attending UDC to pursue my 2nd degree in educating, teaching, and counseling children. I am interested in Early Childhood due to my love and compassion for children. I will offer my strengths with enhancing skills, knowledgeability, and techniques to show the children an understanding of better ways of grasping the facts and information. I know that with my hands-on experience, I have what it takes to maintain the skills that are needed in Early Childhood. As a DC resident, I have attended and graduated from DC public day care, school, and college. I am aware of what is needed in the community and that's more people who care.

My name is **ANA MARIA HAKIM**. I will be working with St. Timothy's Child Development Center as an Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant with the District of Columbia's Department of Behavior Health's Healthy Futures Program. I was invited to your child's center as an Early Childhood Clinical Specialist and will be on-site at the Center half a day per week. You may see me when dropping off or picking up your child on Mondays. I will usually be found working beside teachers as they support your child in developing new skills and learning how to manage their emotions and getting along with others. My role at the center is to provide support to you, your child and the staff around things like behavioral concerns, identifying feelings and understanding what to expect at different developmental stages within the years 0-5. I will also have a few workshops for parents on social-emotional development, understanding and working with certain behaviors, and other topics for raising healthy social-emotional children.





# T.G.I.F. Sleepover

Parents night out! Children's night in!

Friday, October 25th at 6:15 p.m. thru  
Saturday, October 26th at 10:00 a.m. sharp!

The Lower Parrish Hall is used by the boy scouts at 10:00 a.m.  
and we can't interfere with their time.

We provide sleepovers so parents can have an opportunity to take time to themselves. All that's needed is a sleeping bag or two large blankets and a pillow. We are asking parents to put all sleepover items in a large trash bag and label all sleepover items. This will avoid missing items.

We provide dinner, snacks throughout the night, and breakfast in the morning. Children must be potty-trained (ages 2—12 years of age). All tuition must be current in order to participate. We are asking you to pay for this activity during sleepover week so we can purchase food and other materials.

**Sleepover Staff**



# infants & toddlers

Autumn leaves, autumn leaves red, yellow and brown;  
I like to see the Autumn leaves falling to the ground!

This is a very short song to sing with your little ones as you drive / walk to and from school. Our little ones love to dance and sing. Fall seems to be slowly approaching and we are beginning to see some signs, falling leaves and acorns.

Our little ones will be transitioning to our newly renovated toddler space as soon as everything is completed. We have hired a new teacher for this group (see bio in Director's corner) and she will be transitioning with the class. We are so excited to be able to separate our infants from our toddlers beginning this school year.


Until then, we will continue to provide excellent care and age-appropriate activities for our little ones and document their growth and development; milestones met.

## **REMEMBER TO**

- ♥ Label and date all bottles and cups that you bring from home daily;
- ♥ Label all clothing as well as sheets and blankets;
- ♥ Maintain appropriate clothing for your child here at the CDC;
- ♥ Maintain current and accurate medical emergency information;
- ♥ We would like some family pictures to display in our class; and
- ♥ Please sign giving us permission to use your child in group pictures in our monthly newsletter and website ([sttimothyscdc.org](http://sttimothyscdc.org)).

**Y. Robison for Miss Jenkins, Miss Holloman, and Miss Sheila**





# younger 2's news

We would like to inform you that your children are doing well in the classroom. September brought lots of excitement in getting acquainted with the other children and helping them to adjust to new routines and potty-training.

This month we will be introducing the season Fall, working on the first letter in their names, Fall colors, numbers, and shapes. Some of our class activities will include show 'n tell on Mondays and Spanish on Fridays.

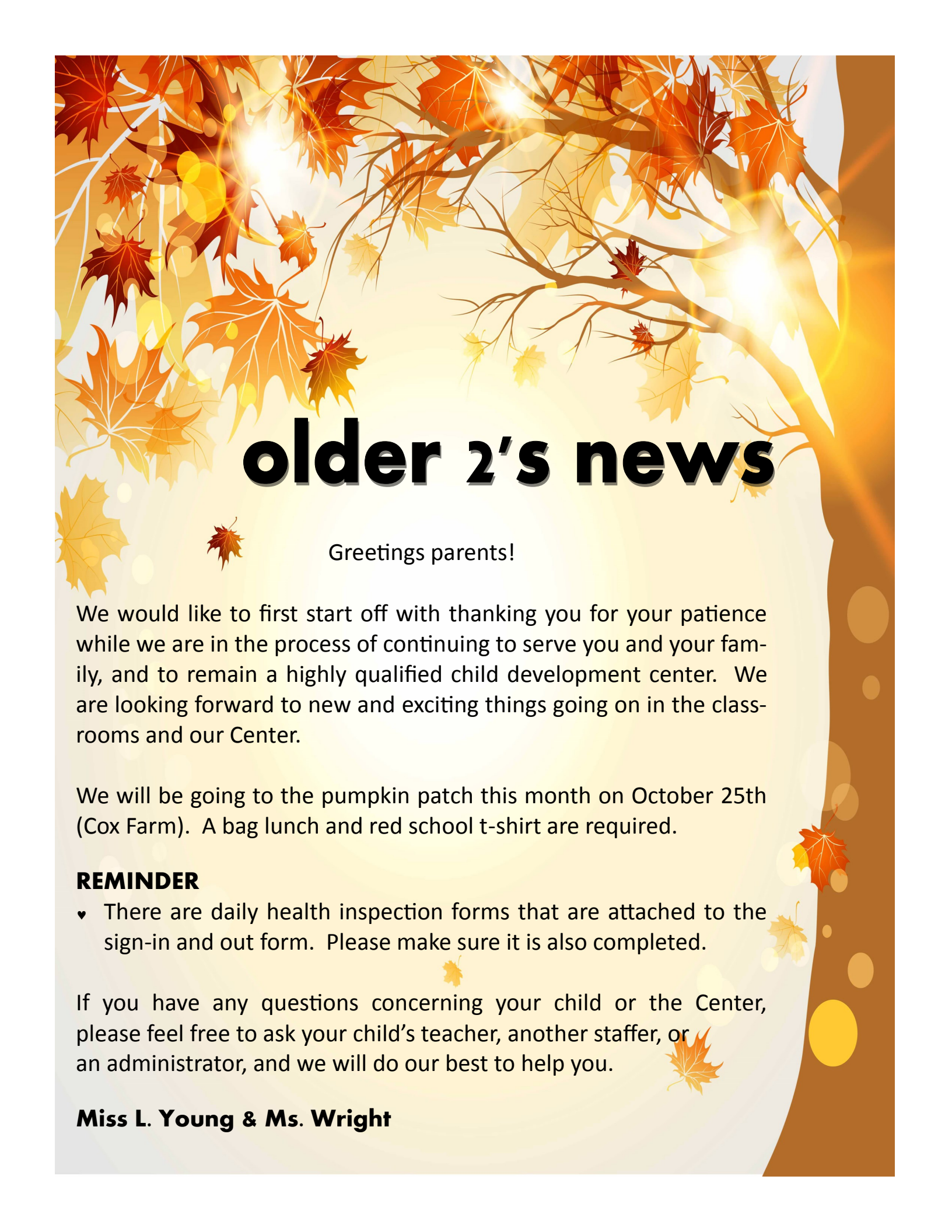
Field Trip to Cox Farm is on Friday, October 25th. A bag lunch and red school t-shirt are required.

## REMINDERS

- ♥ All children should have a crib sheet and blanket.
- ♥ All children need two complete changes of clothing appropriate for the season.
- ♥ Label everything that is brought to the Center (i.e., Pull-Ups, clothing, toys, coats, jackets, sheets, and blankets).
- ♥ Check your child's mail slot daily.

**Miss Wiggins and  
Miss Green**





# older 2's news

Greetings parents!

We would like to first start off with thanking you for your patience while we are in the process of continuing to serve you and your family, and to remain a highly qualified child development center. We are looking forward to new and exciting things going on in the classrooms and our Center.

We will be going to the pumpkin patch this month on October 25th (Cox Farm). A bag lunch and red school t-shirt are required.

## **REMINDER**

- ♥ There are daily health inspection forms that are attached to the sign-in and out form. Please make sure it is also completed.

If you have any questions concerning your child or the Center, please feel free to ask your child's teacher, another staffer, or an administrator, and we will do our best to help you.

**Miss L. Young & Ms. Wright**

# mixed 3s & 4s

Fall into reading your newsletter for good information!

The children have gotten off to a good start and feel comfortable with one another while adjusting to their new environment. We have gotten off to a good start.

We are still working on the study "beginning of the year", but we will explore me, "I am special, body parts, five senses", and all the changes that Autumn will bring to our school community. We will plan activities to meet each child's developmental needs because all children are not on the same level. The children will be involved in the structured and hands-on activities that give children opportunities that reinforce concepts that are being taught.

Good news! There has been great progress in the children's toileting skills. The children are asking and telling teachers when they have to go to the restroom. The children are happy with smiles on their faces when they are finished. We are also working on language skills by promoting verbalization and articulation through singing songs, reciting poems, and finger play. Also, the children are working on family-style serving while practicing sitting in chairs at the table.

The children will make harvest treat bags for safe eating. We are asking parents to donate nutritional snacks to fill the children's treat bags. For example, raisins, cheese crackers, fruit roll-ups or fruit snacks, fig newton's, granola bars, cereal bars, Nutri-grain bars, pop tarts, fruit cups,

or chips. Parents, if you decide to donate another nutritional snack, it's ok as long as it is NOT candy. Remember, all treats must be individually wrapped. We have eight children in our classroom so donate enough for all. All donations are due on Friday, October 25th in the morning. A sign-up sheet will be posted.

On Friday, October 25th, we are going to **Cox Farm**. We can use your helping hands! All children will need their red school t-shirt and a brown bag lunch with all throw-away items.

**Show 'n tell:** 8th & 22nd  
Children should bring only ONE toy to share and discuss.

**Library days:** 15th & 29th  
Red school t-shirt is required on library visits

## REMINDERS

- ♥ All children must have a complete change of clothing appropriate for the season.
- ♥ All children must have a clean crib sheet and blanket on Mondays. Soiled linen must be taken home on Fridays for cleaning.
- ♥ Please check your child's cubby slot for important information.
- ♥ Be sure to sign your child in and out every day, even after a sleepover.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call between 1:30-2:30 (naptime) so we can talk freely.

**J. Shorter & D. Mitchell**

Greetings School-age Families!

We don't know about you but we are so excited for Fall's arrival! Fall is absolutely our favorite season. For us, Autumn means cooler weather, comfy sweaters, jackets and hoodies, visiting the pumpkin patch with family and friends, and of course the beautiful Fall foliage!

This month as with every month, we will continue to work on following classroom rules, and being kind and respectful to one another. This way when Spring Break arrives we as a class will be more than ready to venture out for a field trip without worrying about behavior issues. Please continue to speak with your child at home about the importance of listening and following directions.

This month will be filled with fun activities. We have planned a cooking activity for October 11th and a science experiment for October 18th.

### Important Calendar Dates

October 11th DCPS is closed but St. Timothy's is open

October 14th DCPS and St. Timothy's will be closed for Government acknowledged holiday (Columbus Day).

October 31st We will have our harvest party. We will have homework time on this day. We will hang a sign-up sheet in the upcoming weeks for party donations. We ask that every family participate in donating at least one item from the list.

Lastly, we would like to welcome Miss Howard to the St. Timothy's Family.

**Miss DeNika, Mrs. Shorter,  
& Miss Howard**



**school-agers**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2019 		1	2	3 Aubrey's BD	4 Spanish (Y2s)  Kyrie's BD	5
6	7 Show 'n tell (Y2s)  Jordyn's BD	8 Show 'n tell (3s & 4s)	9	10 Solace's BD	11 <b>DCPS CLOSED</b>  Cooking Activity (School-agers)  Spanish (Y2s)  Manny's BD	12
13	14 <b>CENTER &amp; DCPS CLOSED</b>	15 Library (3s & 4s) t-shirt req'd	16	17	18 Spanish (Y2s)  Science experiment (School-agers)	19
20	21 Show 'n tell (Y2s)	22 Show 'n tell (3s & 4s)	23 <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Back To School Night	24	25 Donations due for Harvest Bags (3s & 4s)  <b>Field Trip to Cox Farm</b> (pre-schoolers)  <b>6:15 p.m.</b> TGIF Sleepover	26 <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Sleepover pick up
27	28 Show 'n tell (Y2s)	29 Library (3s & 4s) t-shirt req'd	30 L. Young's BD	31 <b>Harvest Party</b> (School-agers)		