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# Run of the Mill

## Director's Report

It is hard to believe that September is already over. The children have all settled in nicely to their school routines and almost all of the tears are a thing of the past.

Thanks to all of you who were able to attend Parent Night. It was nice seeing so many familiar faces, as well as some new ones. I already know many of you and look forward to getting to know the rest of you over the course of the year.

I am so excited to be back

at MCPP this year as director. Something that is very important to me is getting parents involved in the program here at Mill Creek. I will be setting up parent meetings during the month of October so that I can get feedback as to what you like, changes you would like to see, etc. This feedback will be crucial in deciding what classes we will offer next year, so please try to come!

The month of October will be a busy one! Our Kid Stuff fundraiser ends on the 12th, so please turn in your money or return your

book by that date. On the 13th, the Blue Sky Puppet Theatre will perform a show about sharing. Children who don't attend school on Tuesdays are invited to attend with a parent. Creative Images will be here on the 19th and 20th to take individual and class pictures. More information about all of these events will be sent home soon!

Have a terrific month!

Cyndi

## Virtues of the Month

This month, we will begin our "Virtue of the month" story time. The pre-k classes will be talking about courage and the 2 and 3 year old classes will be talking about cooperation.

Early in the month, I will be visiting each class and reading a story which illustrates the virtue they are learning about. We will then have a short discussion about what it means to show courage or ways we

can cooperate with each other.

I would like to have parent volunteers in to read beginning in November. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet later this month!

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## Mill Creek Parish Preschool

October 1, 2009

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- ☺ Dates to Remember:
  - ☺ 10/12- Kid Stuff Fundraiser ends.
  - ☺ 10/13- Blue Sky Puppet Theatre performs at 10:30.
  - ☺ 10/16- No school!
  - ☺ 10/19 & 10/20- Picture Day!
  - ☺ 10/22 & 10/23- MCPP Pumpkin Patch
  - ☺ 10/24- Barnes & Noble Book Fair
  - ☺ 10/29 & 10/30- Halloween Parades!

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## Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Our bookfair will be held this year on Saturday, October 24th. The theme this year will be "Froggy." Please join us between 1 and 3 pm when your child can participate in a craft activity, sing fun songs and enjoy stories with some Mill Creek teachers. There will even be a visit from Froggy!

Classes will be reading "Froggy" books and each class will do a project which will be displayed at Barnes & Noble during the book fair. How exciting for your child to see their "masterpiece" hanging on the wall!

Please support this wonderful event! All purchases that you make this day will benefit MCPP. We will use any money that is raised this year to help pay for the teachers to attend the NAEYC conference in November.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with this event, you can contact the bookfair coordinator, Dawn Little, at Dawn@mylittlehome.com. I'm sure

she would greatly appreciate any help that you can give!



I look forward to seeing you all at the bookfair!

Join us at Barnes & Noble on October 24th between 1 pm and 3 pm!

## Halloween Parades!

Halloween parades and parties will be held on Thursday, October 29th and Friday, October 30th. Shortly after arrival, the children will parade around the playground in their costumes. Parents are invited to join us as spectators at the parade.

Please bring your child dressed in their costume the day of the parade.

Make sure that the costumes are appropriate (no weapons, masks, etc.). If your child doesn't want to wear a costume, don't force them. We want this day to be fun for everyone! After the parade, you will head back to your child's classroom and help them change out of their costume. More information about individual class celebrations will be sent home soon!



## Pumpkin Patch

The MCPP Pumpkin Patch will come to town on October 22nd and 23rd. Each class will have a turn visiting the pumpkin patch to look for pumpkins. The children will each get to bring a small pumpkin home and help to decorate a large one for the classroom.



Looking Ahead!

- November 2nd: No School!
- November 17th & 18th: Echoes of Nature program
- November 19th: Family Reading Night
- November 20th: No School!
- November 25th-27th: Thanksgiving Break!