



October 2025



Directors Corner

Dear Families,

We have reached the second month of our school year and the children and teachers have settled in beautifully. Classroom routines are in place and the children are actively engaged in play and learning.

At our school, we strive to create a nurturing and supportive environment where every child, teacher, and family feels safe, respected, and valued. Recently, however, we have noticed that many children are having difficulty with listening, which has impacted our classroom atmosphere.

We understand that listening is a skill that takes time and practice to develop. Young children are still learning how to follow directions, wait their turn, and respond respectfully to teachers and peers. While this is a normal part of growth, consistent support at both school and home will help children strengthen these skills more quickly.

Here are a few ways you can help at home:

- **Talk about listening:** Share conversations with your child about what it means to be a good listener. Discuss how listening helps us learn, stay safe, and show respect to others.
- **Model attentive behavior:** Show your child what good listening looks like by making eye contact, pausing to hear their words, and responding thoughtfully.
- **Practice following directions:** Give your child simple two-step directions at home to encourage focus and careful listening.
- **Reinforce classroom expectations:** Please remind your child of our school rules:
 1. We take care of ourselves.
 2. We take care of our friends and teachers.

3. We take care of our things.

We will continue to work closely with the children on building their listening skills in the classroom. With your partnership, we can create a stronger, more positive community where every child has the opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Warmly,
Katrina ☺



Fall Festival

We're excited to announce our first community fundraising event of the year! Join us on **Saturday, October 18th from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM** for a fun-filled family gathering outside the school.

Here are a few important details:

- A Sign-Up Genius will be emailed to families on October



- 6th for activity sign-ups.
- Order forms will be placed in family mailboxes on the 6th.
 - All ticket sales must be made before the event. No tickets will be sold on the day of the fundraiser.

We look forward to celebrating the season and raising funds to support our school! Thank you in advance for your participation and generosity.



Birthday

Celebrations

We love celebrating birthdays with our students! If you are planning to bring in a treat for your child's birthday, please provide at least two weeks' notice. This allows us time to account for any allergies or dietary restrictions and ensure that every child can safely join in the celebration.

Please refer to the family handbook for the list of

October 2025 approved treats, and kindly only send in items from that list.

Additionally, we ask that birthday invitations for parties that do not include the entire class be distributed outside of school. All families have access to the family directory, which will be printed and placed in family mailboxes in the next couple of weeks.

We do not hand out goodie bags or extra items for birthday celebrations. These can create challenges for a variety of reasons, and we appreciate your understanding in not sending them in.



Scholastic

Book Orders

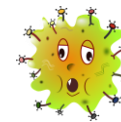
Thank you to all who placed orders through our Scholastic Reading Club. The due date for October family orders is October 24th and the books should arrive within a week or so.

Classroom Volunteers

We are excited to welcome volunteers into our classrooms beginning in November! A sign-up sheet will be posted

outside each classroom, please keep an eye out. Volunteer opportunities will be available on specific days each month. To keep things running smoothly, we will have one volunteer in the classroom for each of the available days, unless teachers request additional help for a special project.

Before volunteering in the classroom, all volunteers are required to attend a brief orientation with me. Please email me to schedule a time in October for this quick meeting.



Health and Safety

A reminder about our illness policies to help keep everyone healthy and safe.

If your child is going to be absent, please remember to call or email the school at 508-222-1149. If your child is seen by a doctor and treated for a communicable illness, please let us know right away. This allows us to notify other classroom families if there are cases of strep, stomach bugs, or other contagious illnesses in our program.



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Please note that all stomach bugs, vomiting and/or diarrhea, require children to be symptom-free for 48 hours before returning to school.

For further details, you can refer to our illness policy in the parent handbook.

A little extra tip we teach the children: We practice sneezing and coughing into our elbows to “catch” germs and minimize spreading. We also require hand washing after nose blowing or any time those little fingers end up in their noses or mouths! Hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is one of the best ways to reduce the spread of illness. We’d love for you to reinforce these healthy habits at home as well.



Outdoor Wear

As the mornings get cooler, we kindly ask that you begin sending jackets with your child every day. The mornings can be quite chilly. Mittens will also become important

soon, so now is a great time to dig them out! The playground equipment can be cold, and your little ones will appreciate having warm hands.

At school, we teach the children how to put on their own coats using this simple rhyme:
*"Tag at the toes,
Arms in the holes,
Up and over the head it goes."*

Feel free to practice this at home, as it helps them gain independence and makes getting outside quicker so we can enjoy the beautiful fall weather!



Music and Movement

We are so excited to welcome back Mrs. Tuminelli from Tunes for Tots. Mrs. T will be visiting us soon for music and movement. Mrs. T brings her guitar, and we sing and dance with her monthly.



Community

Helper Month

October is Community Helper Month at Jack and Jill! Throughout the month, we will be learning about the important roles that various community helpers play in keeping our neighborhoods safe, healthy, and thriving.



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Halloween

With Halloween falling on a Friday this year, we want to remind you that we do not celebrate Halloween at school. At Jack and Jill, we aim to keep our routines as normal as possible and focus our celebrations on the seasons, rather than specific holidays.

We kindly ask that children do not wear costumes to school, as Halloween can be overwhelming or scary for some of our friends. Instead, we invite everyone to dress in orange and black on Friday for a fun, festive alternative!

A few additional reminders:

- Please do not send goody bags or treats for the class.
- Candy is not allowed at Jack and Jill. While it may be tempting to add a sweet treat to your child's lunch, we ask that you please save candy for at home.

IMPORTANT DATES:

10-6 Pumpkin Passport Order Forms Sent Home & Sign-Up Genius Emailed

10-10 Tuition Due

10-13 No School

10-15 Pumpkin Passport order forms due

10-18 Fall Festival 10:30-12:30

10-24 Scholastic Book Orders Due

10-31 Orange and Black Spirit Day