Dear Families,

Fall is rolling right along. We are all looking forward to the upcoming Fall potluck and pumpkin carving evenings and hope that you will be able to join us. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet the other children and families who share in your child’s classroom community and to spend a little extra time enjoying a visit with the teachers and staff as well.

I wish for you that in the rush of your daily lives you are finding time for a peaceful moment to enjoy the beauty around us and the joy of your own family and friends.

Here’s a little Fall poem to inspire

Reading in the Autumn
The big trees exposed to the west wind are losing their leaves.
To be comfortable I have unfastened the collar of my robe;
sitting here, I’m letting the time go by.
Doing nothing, I’ve turned my back on encroaching autumn…
I’ve not finished my book.
My spirit has gone wandering in the sky… Who can fathom it?

with peaceful wishes,
Leslie
Director ECCES

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**EVENTS**

**Fall Potluck & Pumpkin Carving**
Orfalea Family Children’s Center
Preschool
Carving 4:30-5:30; Potluck 5:30-6:30
Tuesday October 19th - Orange, Blue, Brown
Wednesday October 20th - Red, Pink
Thursday October 21st - Turquoise, Purple

Orfalea Family Children’s Center
Infant & Toddler
White, Yellow, Green & Grey
Friday October 22nd
5:00 – 6:30

University Children’s Center
Stars, Sky, Earth and Sun
5:00 – 6:30

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**November**
Family Conference Month ~ sign up in your classroom
Thurs Nov. 11th ~ Veteran’s Day Holiday; CENTERS CLOSED
Wed & Thurs Nov 25th & 26th ~ Thanksgiving CENTERS CLOSED
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Revised Annual Calendar
See attached
Please be sure to make the necessary changes in your own calendars.
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Please take time to review the information on the website of Santa Barbara County Public Health and to check with your family’s health care providers to ensure the best health choices for your family. [Link](http://www.countyofsb.org/phd/default_all.aspx?id=25680)

Information regarding the seasonal flu vaccine is also available on their website and through your health care provider. [Link](http://www.countyofsb.org/phd/)

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<td>The ECCES program is proud to have been accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs since 1990. We are once again about to embark on our journey towards Accreditation renewal. It is a comprehensive, extensive and time-consuming process and we are looking for a parent who might enjoy joining our self-study team. You will find more information in the attached letter and are always welcome to come by or contact me (Leslie ☺) with questions.</td>
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**Growing things**

A wonderful opportunity for someone who likes to dig in dirt! The barrels and pot planters at the main entrance of the Orfalea Family Children’s Center could use some regular tender attention and fresh plant material. An enjoyable project for the whole family! Please see Tamara if you are interested.

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Thank you to all of the families who have participated in the lovely wish tree giving opportunities. We so appreciate the generous spirit of our families for the gifts large and small.

We are truly grateful for the privilege of caring for each of your children. They bring us joy and wonder every day.

Cheers,

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