

Set up for Success

As is always the case, our students' success is a combination of effort starting with the parents, entrusted to the teachers to help guide the children through ever increasing realms of freedom as their experiences prepare them with the practice of new skills.

This conceptualization of holistic education can be applied to our program in many different ways; one of the most unique being our students' ability to grow and learn in an outdoor setting year round. The shift to colder temperatures provides many important lessons.

While we understand it can be somewhat uncomfortable, we have watched our students discover their own resiliency and strength perhaps most in the colder months.

At its most basic, an important application of the combination of effort conceptualization to this seasonal shift is that the primary caregiver's role is to provide the student with what they need to be comfortable and successful outdoors in the cold, not just simply gear but positive attitudes as well.

Our role as teachers is to assess what the children need in various situations. We will always have their safety as the number one priority. We will also encourage their autonomy as partners in their own comfort and success.

We pride ourselves on knowing our students as individuals and use this knowledge to determine when they need more guidance and when they are capable of making decisions for themselves. In other words, there will be times when they will be allowed to run around with fewer layers than an adult may prefer and there will be times when we will insist on certain gear.

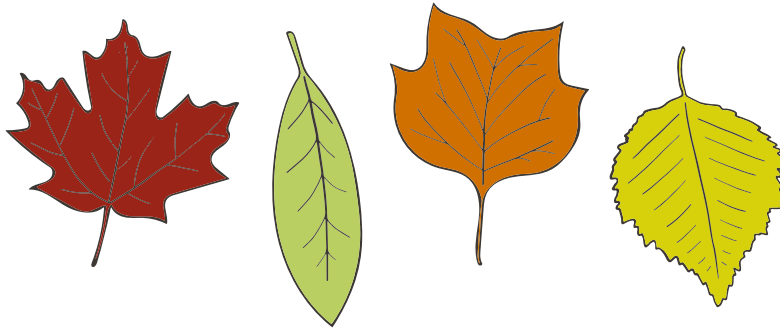
We welcome feedback from parents about their preferences and concerns and will be happy to reinforce your gear preferences at drop off, but throughout the morning we will use our discretion as to when the child has say about their attire.

They will be involved in layering, delayering, as well as keeping track of their belongings. This time of year brings a lot more personal items to school and it is **IMPERATIVE** that you keep things labeled. We do our very best to keep everything organized; it is a huge drain of our attention from the children when we have to take time to determine to whom items belong.

As we move into our fourth cold season as a fully outdoor program we are confident in our ability to work together as a community to make this exceptional experience not only possible, but positive for all of our students.

So much growth happens in our times of discomfort and this is especially true for young children. All of the adults involved have every child's best interest at heart and we will all work together to make this a season of growth!





Happy Fall Everyone!

We have been discussing the changing of the seasons while watching the leaves beginning to change colors and trying to catch them as they fall from the trees, by reading stories all about fall, planting fall crops in the garden, and by singing our fall song! "Do you see the leaves? Colors are changing. What does it mean? FALL IS HERE! Do you see the leaves? Falling from the trees. What does it mean? FALL IS HERE!"



Be on the lookout for new fall inspired merch, including beanies coming soon! This time of year is a great time to give back while giving. Please continue sharing the opportunity to support our program through [Friends of Pisgah Collective](#) through [Amazon Smile](#) and both [websites](#)! Also please share our [online store](#) with folks looking to buy gifts!



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WE NEED YOUR HELP! LABEL EVERYTHING!

As an increasing number of personal items are coming to school (extra layers, shoes, etc) please remember to label, at least with initials, all of it. This includes gloves and mittens!

Please help us keep your child's things in order and allow them to get comfortable efficiently.

Early Enrollment Spring 2021

Those of you that are enrolled with us this semester are guaranteed the spot you currently have if you sign-up by the end of our early enrollment period. If you would like to change your schedule from the current semester we will do our best to accommodate that but please understand we cannot guarantee it and will confirm with you at the earliest possible date. Early enrollment will begin this Monday, October 5 and end October 16. You will receive an email with details for both morning and afternoon programming.

Important Dates

- Fall Conferences (morning program students) October 5th - 15th
- Early Enrollment Period SP21 October 5th - 16th
- CLOSED: Fall Break October 19-23
- Fall Conferences (afternoon program students) November 2nd-5th
- CLOSED: Thanksgiving Break November 23 -27
- Last Day of Fall Semester
Afternoons: November 13
Mornings: December 18

Fall Payment #3 (morning) Due:
Wednesday, Oct. 7

Final Payment (afternoons) Due:
Thursday, Oct. 8

Fall Payment #4 (morning) Due:
Wednesday, Nov. 11

Fall Payment #5 (morning) Due:
Wednesday, Dec. 9