

Fall Fun

All the students really enjoyed the excitement of the State Fair and the class field trips. Thanks to everyone who helped out. We really appreciate it. Field trips are always frantic, but a really fun time. It rained a little on us at both zoos. We had a rain-out for Country Critters twice. It has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 10:00.

This week we are going to wrap our animal unit by discussing some of the animals we saw on our fieldtrips. The children have really enjoyed this unit as we have explored animals that live in our backyard (like lizards and frogs) expanded to those that live in Texas (such as mockingbirds) and continued outward to include animals from all over the world (gorillas, bears, etc.).

The last week of October we will explore some Spooky Science as we gear up for Halloween. We'll focus on pumpkins – exploring their insides and predicting how many seeds are inside. On Wednesday, Oct.28th, Sparky the Fire Dog will be in the Children's Museum to talk about fire safety.



The week will be wrapped up with trick-or-treating around the museum and partying in the classrooms. We will leave to collect our goodies at 10:30, eat lunch at 11:30, and be ready to party at 12:00. You will be receiving a note about your child's contributions to the festivities soon. All family members are welcome to join in the fun. 5-day children will participate both days.

It is so much fun to see all the children in their costumes each year. Please put your child's name on their costume and any accessories. If your child's costume includes weapons please leave them at home. If your child's costume includes special shoes that are difficult to walk in (such as high heels) you may want have her wear tennis shoes instead. We walk to the other buildings, not just around the one we are in.

We will provide treat bags, so please do not send plastic pumpkins, etc.



Teacher's Corner

This month's featured staff member is Heather Rindfuss. Heather teaches MWF in Classroom P. This is Heather's 11th year at the museum. She spent 4 years as the Head Start Science Enrichment Teacher before moving over to the Science School after her daughter Samantha was born.



Heather received her B.A. and M.A. in Religious Studies at the University of California Los Angeles and Santa Barbara. In addition to her love of learning about various religions, Heather has always had a passion for working with kids. She has been working with children since 1993.

Heather and her husband Rich moved to Dallas from Ohio in 1998 so that Rich could attend seminary at Southern Methodist University. Rich serves as an Associate Pastor at Lake Highlands United Methodist Church.

Most of the noise and excitement at the Rindfuss house is generated by Samantha, their 6-year-old daughter, and their two dogs, Zoe and MacKenzie.

QUICK NOTES

- ☺ Remember to bring coats or jackets for chilly days and please label them. (also hats, if you send those)
- ☺ Halloween parties are Thurs. 10/29 & Fri. 10/30 at noon. Trick-or-treating around the buildings begins at 10:30
- ☺ Please be on time to school and let us know if your child will be absent. Your child must be fever free (without medicine) for 24hours before he/she can return to school. The same is true of vomiting.
- ☺ Flu season is in full swing. Please reinforce hand washing skills at home just as we are at school. We encourage the children to slowly count to 10 while making big bubbles before rinsing. We discourage fingers in mouths/noses.