

## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2020

### **Mrs. Donna and Mrs. Nicol** **M-TU-W-TH-F**

We have had a fantastic beginning. The children have already started great friendships. Everyone is very comfortable in our classroom. I hope they come home and tell you all about the activities we are doing in class.

This year, we will be learning some sign language. They will learn the alphabet, numbers to twenty and all our songs we sing every day. We will work on letter recognition, writing and sounds the letters make. We started on printing the first letters of the alphabet, Apple is for Aa. We are using the EZ- WRITE curriculum that District 47 uses. This printing program helps the children learn how to move their hand to form the letters.

We also made a paper person of ourselves and these will be in our room the whole year. They are very cute. We made a book with the "All About ME" papers that were sent home. This book will go home with each child so they can become more familiar with their classmates.

We made a family chart showing all the people in our families. We compared families, for example, who had more boys or girls, who had pets at home and whose family was the largest. They enjoyed this activity because everyone created their own families with the stamps. Next month will be filled with even more exciting activities. We will become scientists during color week. We will be mixing the primary colors into secondary colors and all the colors into an amazing brown.

We are going to The Nature Center and enjoying the outside for the day. It is amazing the things we can see in our own backyard. You will be receiving information on these field trips shortly. Also remember, we will be having a Halloween Party on October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. We will try to do a parade outside so you will be able to see everyone in their costumes. The parents just stand outside the fence and watch the children walk around. Hope everyone can attend this amazing parade.

We want you to know the children are doing a great job keeping their masks on, washing their hands and enjoying being at school. We will be sending pictures of our class to our Facebook page. Search for Barlina House Preschool and "like" the page. Mrs. Nicol and I want to thank you for having such amazing children. We are very fortunate to be able to help them experience learning while we play. If you ever need to talk to one of us, please do not hesitate to call or send a note. We are here for you and your child. We want this experience to be the best.

