

# Dear Learning Ladder Families



Welcome to the start of a new fulfilling and successful school year!

It is a pleasure to be working with all of you. I would like to give a warm welcome to all our returning families and all our new families. This year we have many special events in store for all of you.

Last month we focused on Welcome to Pre-K, where the students learned the classroom schedule and routines and got to know and build our school community. It was great to see all the parents that came out to our Parent Orientation. I look forward to having plenty of parent involvement this year!

This month we are focusing on the wonderful adventures of fall through The Five Senses. The students will continue their journey of exploration and learning with an exciting topic focused on how we use our five senses to explore, investigate, and understand ourselves and our world. We will have an exciting visit from a Petting Zoo and go on a walking trip to the Farmers Market. We will also have an engaging Family Fall Festival.

## Supporting Resources for the Five Senses Unit of Study:

### Supporting Texts:

*The Ooey Goopy Handbook* by Lisa Murphey

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*The Cooking Book: Fostering Young Children's*

*Learning and Delight* by Laura J. Colker

### Supporting Websites:

American Museum of Natural History

:[www.amnh.org](http://www.amnh.org)

Children's Museum of Manhattan

:[www.cmom.org](http://www.cmom.org)

Metropolitan Museum of Art

<http://www.metmuseum.org>

## FALL NEWSLETTER

### OCTOBER EVENTS: *upcoming*

October 9<sup>th</sup> – School Closed for Yom Kippur

October 14<sup>th</sup> – School Closed for Columbus Day

October 16<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal @ 11:30am – Staff Development

October 29<sup>th</sup> – Visit from Farm to You Petting Zoo

### NOVEMBER EVENTS:

November 1<sup>st</sup> – Family Fall Festival @ 8:00am

November 5<sup>th</sup> - School Closed for Election Day

November 11<sup>th</sup> – School Closed for Veteran's Day

November 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Conferences

November 18<sup>th</sup> – School Closed for Staff Development

November 26<sup>th</sup> – Family Potluck @ 1:30pm

November 27<sup>st</sup> – Early Dismissal @ 11:30am

November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> – School Closed for Thanksgiving Break