



# Gingham Gazette

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Mr. Alford is racing Brookside across America. Anytime your child does a half an hour of physical activity please send me a note telling me that. We have a tally sheet that we will be marking. Each half hour of activity will equal one mile across America.

Make some leaf art. Make an animal out of leaves. Look for different sizes and shapes.

The first step in making leaf animals requires a few steps on your own- outside. Take a bag or a shoebox and go on a leaf hunt. Leaves are all around you in backyards, parks and along city streets. Once you start looking for them you won't be able to stop finding them. Look for leaves that are different sizes, shapes and colors.

Your child can do ten minutes here and there - when they accumulate 1/2 an hour send me a note. The only way we will accept times will be through a note home.

Do	Don't
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do remember to look for tiny leaves. You'll need them for eyes, noses, beaks, and feet.</li> <li>• Do take time after your walk to rinse and press the leaves. If you wait to long, your leaves will become brittle and curled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't get greedy. Someone else may be on a leaf hunt too.</li> <li>• Don't take more than you can clean and press that day.</li> <li>• Don't hurt the trees and bushes. Taking the leaf won't hurt anything, but avoid breaking twigs and branches.</li> <li>• Don't take leaves off trees that are on private property without getting permission.</li> </ul>

## Yikes! Toys!

I have been seeing a lot of toys and special things coming from home, blankets, brushes, make up, stuffed animals etc. Please do not let your child bring these items to school. They are not allowed to play with them in the classroom or on the playground. We end up with a lot of distraction when these things are brought. We have plenty of toys to play with here!

## Chaperone opportunity!

Would you like to go to the pumpkin farm with 65 kindergarteners on the spookiest day of the year! IF you said yes! I have the job for you. I will need 6 chaperones to join us. The field trip is on Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>. We ask that chaperones do not bring other siblings or friends. This is a time to focus on your kindergartener. Please fill out the next portion and send it in. Chaperones will need to be at Brookside in our classroom no later than 8:50 and will need to be with us until around noon. . We will be going over the specifics of the field trip at that time. Chaperones will be carpooling from Brookside to the farm. Kindergarteners will be riding the school bus.

Words to use with this project: compare, different, edge, egg-shaped, heart, lobed, oval, serrated, shape, silhouette, triangle, wedge.

Leaf Animals are due on Friday October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Yes I \_\_\_\_\_ would love to go on the field trip with you. I promise to be at Brookside no later than 8:50  
 My child's name is \_\_\_\_\_



It is that time! Room parents will be calling you for donations for the Halloween party. Our room parents are Kim Strand, Katie Wilkinson, and Joanne Schumacher We will need 24 cute cups, plates, and napkins. They will also be asking for donations of juice- something without food dye in it- we want Rocky to stay happy with our carpet and us. One cookie for each child and whatever else you can think of- finger jello, cupcakes etc. You are all great at thinking of cute things. Donated items will need to come to school on Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>.



Every other Wednesday we will be going to the computer lab. We would love to have a couple of parents that can help out from 1:00 to 2:00 on those days. Don't worry you need not be a computer whiz! The first computer helper time will be Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 until 2:00. You would need to check into the office and then go to the computer lab. If you would like to volunteer in the computer lab please send the following form in.

Yes I \_\_\_\_\_ would  
 love to volunteer in the computer lab every  
 other Wednesday from 1;00 until 2;00.

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
10/14	NO SCHOOL - Staff Workday
10/17	NO SCHOOL - Staff Workday
10/18	Field Trip Money Due
10/19	Chaperone Volunteer Forms Due
10/21	Computer Lab Volunteer Forms Due
10/21	Leaf Art Due
10/24	Field Trip Permission Slip Due

In the next Gingham Gazette look for:

- Who our chaperones will be
- Halloween information
- Newstelling information
- Family Homework