## Mountain Lion Cub News

# ICCS Preschool

#### NOVEMBER

#### CLASSROOM NEWS

Our Pre-Kindergarteners are "traveling" around the globe as they learn all about the continents. They can identify each of the continents and are learning about the amazing things that can be found on each of them. It's so much fun to hear them sing the Seven Continents song while using the interactive continents map in the classroom.



Miss Blanca and Miss Melissa's Preschoolers had a fun time dressing up for their class Halloween celebration. They shared treats, gathered pumpkins and enjoyed fellowship with the Pre-Kindergarteners. Imaginative, pretend play is so important to development at this age so allowing students to dress up in their costumes is not only fun, it's beneficial!



#### SPOTLIGHT ON DEVELOPOMENT

#### **Fine Motor Skills**

When we think about exercising our muscles we don't often think about the muscles in our hands. For young children to use scissors and hold a pencil effectively, their hand muscles must be strong enough. In preschool, students are given many opportunities to work these muscles by putting together puzzles, threading beads, using Playdough and building with Legos.

#### Pyramid Model For Families

ICCS uses Pyramid Model practices in the classroom to promote positive behavior through the use of very clear behavior expectations and by using each challenging behavior as an opportunity to teach what they CAN do instead of the unwanted behavior. For example, you CAN tell a friend you are angry with them and you CAN ask a teacher for help with a friend problem, but you CANNOT hit. Try this out at home! Check out the link below for this month's Backpack Connection Series article for more information about this topic.

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### Lighting the Way for Parents

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. **Deuteronomy 6:6-9**