



# Off to a Great Start

Loomis Community Preschool



October 2013

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” Dr. Seuss



## Upcoming School Events

*October in the classroom: building with cardboard, exploring sunflower seeds, pumpkin patch trips and the Trike a thon*

- **October 8th:** General Meeting 6:30 pm (mandatory...remember to find a babysitter, no children at the General Meetings)
- **October 9th and 10th:** Clowning Around Trike-A-Thon
- **October 14th:** 2-Day to Horton’s Pumpkin Patch
- **October 15th:** Board Meeting 6 pm
- **October 16th:** Tot’s to Horton’s Pumpkin Patch
- **October 26th:** Maintenance Day (If you haven’t signed up for a maintenance day, talk to your child’s teacher.)
- **October 26th:** School Carnival 1-4 pm at Loomis Train Depot and Pizza Factory fundraiser and get together afterwards.

*November in the classroom: Tie-dying, exploring with everything November, learning about self-control, and Stone Soup*

- **November 5th:** General meeting 6:30 pm
- **November 11th:** No school (Veteran’s Day)
- **November 19th:** Board Meeting 6 pm (anyone welcome)
- **November 25th-29th:** Thanksgiving

## Library Corner:

### What books to check out at the library



*Bug Zoo* by Nick Baker (nonfiction): This is a great book for bug lovers or those that are even slightly interested in bugs. Every few pages discuss a different type of bug. The author gives details about the bug’s life and eating habits and then explains how to properly create a home for the bug. The cages are practical and easy to create from things around the house. The author also focuses on fun activities to engage your bugs or important things to notice while observing your bugs. A great hands-on book that leads to wonderful discovery time for children and their parents.



*Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* By Mo Willems (fiction): All of Mo Willems’ books are great reads for children ages 2-5 (or older!). There are only a few words on each page so you turn the pages fairly quickly (your 3 year old will not be rushing you to turn the page before you are done reading). The stories are funny (for both kids and parents). And the print is told through dialogue bubbles. This allows kids to be exposed to a different style of writing, more similar to the style of a graphic novel. And because Willems has written tons of books you can begin discussing author and illustrator styles with your child as they notice the similarities in all of his books.



## Our Favorite Children's Books:

- Teacher Rachel: *The Napping House* by Dan and Audrey Wood
- Teacher Sherry: *Mouse Mess* by Linnea Riley
- Teacher Stacy: *Hip Hip Hooray For Annie McCrae* By Brad Wilcox

### Play: More Than Just Having Fun

An [article](#) written as a special for CNN in 2010, clearly explains some of the many benefits of sending your child to a play-based curriculum school.

The article is written by a husband and wife team, Erika and Nicholas Christakis, who work at Harvard University. Through observation and study they have found that the benefits of play-based preschool curriculum goes far beyond the elementary classroom. They notice a difference at the college level.

Children who spend more time learning through play tend to be more prepared for college, more prepared to work with co-workers, more prepared to self-regulate, and more prepared to empathize.

## Community Calendar

- Every **Thursday** at 10:30: Story Time at the Loomis Library
- **October 6<sup>th</sup>**: Effie Yeaw Nature Fest: live animal shows, kid's activities, guided nature hikes \$3 adults and free for 12 and under. 10 am-3 pm. [SacNatureCenter.org](http://SacNatureCenter.org)
- **October 11-13**: Coloma Gold Rush Live: re-enactment of the gold rush. \$8 parking. 10am-4pm at Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, Coloma. [Marshallgold.org](http://Marshallgold.org).
- **October 19<sup>th</sup>**: Machado's Apple Festival 9am-6pm
- **October 19<sup>th</sup>**: Auburn Community Festival: pumpkin weighing, scarecrow contest, and costume parade. Free. 9:30am-4pm at Recreation Park, Auburn. [Auburncommunityfestival.com](http://Auburncommunityfestival.com).
- **October 26<sup>th</sup>**: Loomis Community Preschool Halloween Carnival. 1pm-4pm



## LCP Halloween Carnival

Save your cardboard. Watch "[Caine's Arcade](#)" on YouTube. Cut. Tape. Make something.

**Be there: October 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 at the Loomis Train Depot**