



The first 2 months of the school year is already behind us and we are very proud of the way our First Steps employees, parents, and students handled the demands we were faced with during COVID-19. It is with your cooperation and support that we continue to educate and care for our students during the most unusual of circumstances. It has been a big change and quite a transition and adjustment for all. With that being said, we want to reassure you that we will do everything possible to help you and your children to feel safe and comfortable at school.

A big thanks to those who joined us for the Pre-School and Kindergarten Back to School Nights. With your positive attitude and support, we are certain that the 2020-2021 academic year, with all its challenges, will continue to be a unique year to remember!

Our prayers with are with everyone in Armenia and Artsakh. We have added an Armenia Fund link to our website for any family that wants to help donate to Artsakh. <https://armeniasfund.ejoinme.org/donate>

Important Dates

- **Thursday, October 15th – Great California Shake Out.** We will join schools across California participating in the Earthquake Drill at 10:15 a.m.
- **Friday, October 23rd – Staff Development Day,**
 - **All students are half day (Pick up between 11:45 and 12:30 p.m.)**
 - **We will be sending out a google docs for parents to sign up for time slot that they wish to pick their child up**
- **Week of October 26th – Armenian Cultural Week –** We ask that each student brings a pomegranate with them to school during that week. Kitchen will be serving a special lunch to the students on Friday, October 30th!

Pumpkin Patch

Monday, October 12th - Friday, October 16th

- All students must bring a fair-sized pumpkin to school by **Wednesday, October 7th**, the latest! If you have questions about pumpkin size, feel free to ask your child's teacher for some advice!
- Each child will decorate their pumpkin and our photographer will take a picture of them in front of a decorated fall background
- Write your child's name on top or underneath the pumpkin with a permanent marker.



Halloween Treat Bag Reminder!

- **Please do not send any candy/chocolate or little trinkets to school for Halloween (no goodie bags please, ex: NO pencils, erasers, stickers...).** Anything brought to school will be returned to the parents. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Tile Project 2020

- We are excited to begin our Tile Project during late October throughout November, so that we can enjoy our students' beautiful work around the campus for the entire year. With the tile project, students will create unique masterpieces of their choice. These tiles can be a great accent to your home garden or even a trivet for a hot meal! Please be on the lookout for a detailed e-mail.

Parent Reminder

- We ask that you do not give your children over the counter medication and bring them to school (ex. Tylenol) If they are not feeling well, please keep them home in order to avoid contact with other children. If they have been cleared for school but have prescription medication, please check in with the office.
- We would like to remind everyone to continue following the guidelines and protocols in place and inform the school if there has been any exposure to COVID by any of the family members. Only by cooperating together we can continue to keep our school safe.



THANK YOU!