Dear Parents,
Falling into Autumn! We have our Partners joining us. This month we will joined by our trusty boy scout leader Ms. Marcia. In addition, we will be doing some gardening. 4 H club will be providing some helpful leaning skills for the children as well as the plants and soil. The kids will be weeding, planting, watering, watching, growing and eating. Some of the kids have been enjoying sewing projects. It has been great to see their smiles as they have been working on their pillows. They will continue working on sewing throughout this month as well as Amazing animals, Bugs, Bugs, did we mention bugs? Some amazing science fun. If you have any questions, please contact Marilea Pittenger at 633-3535 ext. 4007.

Attendance in BASA: Central

The BAS Academy Program is an academic based program which requires the students to be attending each day checking out no earlier than 5:47 PM. We want every student to get the maximum benefits from the program. If your child is continuously absent, picked up early, or picked up late, they may be asked to leave the program.

If your child is absent or not attending on a specific day, please let us know. This is for the safety of your child.

Three reasons every father should read to their child and not just moms:

1. **Dads provide a different set of skills to their children.** When mom and dad read to their children, it positively impacts their learning. When fathers read to their children, the child’s verbal skills can increase by up to fifteen percent, which does not typically happen when just moms read to them.

2. **Children are better behaved.** Studies show that when fathers read to their children and share other caregiving responsibilities with mom, their children have better attachment, they have high self-esteem, and show better social competence. The time fathers spend with their children builds their literacy skills, the child has better impulse control, shows a greater ability to take initiative, and are more empathetic.

3. **Children do better academically.** When dads model the importance of literacy to their children, they perform better in academic endeavors, and have higher scores on standardized achievement tests.