

Dear Parents,

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Fall is officially here and we have had a great start to the school year. We hope you had great fun with September's literacy words of the month and heard your children using them at home as much as we did here. It is amazing how learning a few new words can broaden a child's horizons; suddenly the same shirt, toy, book, or environment they have had or been in for a time has new excitement, value, and wonderment again! With all that being said, it is now October and there are new words to be learned and have fun with!

The Literacy Group at Children Unlimited has chosen 4 words for the month of October; a noun, verb, and opposing adjectives. The words are listed on the monthly calendars that go home and are **binoculars, search, and near/far**. As always we have included a sheet of visuals that have the words as well as the signs for these words. They are the same visuals that can be found in each classroom so your child will become quite familiar with these words and signs throughout the month of October.

The month of October is a great month for these words as so many creatures are *searching* for food to store for the upcoming winter months. Birds are gearing up to travel *far*. Those who love the outdoors, now is a great time to get out and *search* for the brilliant colors of fall, go bird watching *near* and *far* and be sure to bring your *binoculars*! Again there are so many ways to introduce these vocabulary words to your child/children every day (Ex. "I need you to search for your missing shoe". "We need to go to the grocery store. It won't be a long drive because it's not *far* from where we live. We live *near* the grocery store." When using *binoculars* explain how they help you *search* for things that are *far* from you and make them appear *near* to you).

As always we hope you have fun interjecting these literacy words into your everyday adventures! The Preschool and Kindergarten classes will have activities and themes based around Fall this month and will include these words frequently in books, play, and circle time themes. We look forward to hearing and observing your children use and experience these new words at Children Unlimited. Have a ton of Fall fun!

Sincerely,

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The Literacy Group