

Pre-K October Newsletter

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September is over and we are getting used to the routine. It has been wonderful getting to know all of your children. We have been having a lot of fun in our classroom playing with new toys and learning new things.

October is going to be a busy and very exciting month! We will start the month off talking about letter "Cc" and making caterpillars, cupcakes, painting with carrots and having a crazy hair day! We will then make donuts, dog puppets and dinosaurs for our letter "Dd" week. We will then move on to Ee, Ff and Gg. We will be painting with hard boiled eggs, making Elmer the Elephant sun catchers, fish, frog hats, and painting with forks, feathers and fingers. We will make gumball machines and a few Halloween crafts. We will finish up our construction



dramatic play area and then we will turn it into a grocery store. We will be incorporating a lot of "food" related activities into our day which relates to our grocery store theme. In Math we will talk about numbers 3-7. We will continue to count and sort with fruit manipulatives and will play an ice cream cone number sort game as well. We will learn our shapes with veggie shaped clip cards and other games. Early in the month, we will begin our lesson on patterning (with dot paints and marshmallows) and at the end of the month we will learn about opposites and weight. "Teddy Bear Patterns", "Pattern Fish", "But No Elephants", "How Many Seeds in a

Pumpkin" and "The Greatest Gymnast" are our Math books this month and will be displayed at the Math Center for the children to look at. Grocery store path games and counting games will also be introduced. At our writing center, the children will be playing a peanut butter and jelly letter match game, a grocery store letter dot it game, grocery bag syllable sort, food card letter match, Read, build and write grocery carts, sand letter writing trays and playdough letter mats. In our Science Center we will finish our five senses unit learning about touch. Getting closer to Halloween we will have pumpkins and Halloween slime to explore as well as some Halloween explore/counting games. We will continue to cut and trace/write on a daily basis. We will also cover diamonds and ovals as well as the colors green, orange, purple and pink. We will finish up with kidfetti in our sensory table the 1st week and then black beans the rest of the month. (I'll add Halloween erasers, pumpkins and letter cards later in the month so our little learners can work on matching uppercase and lowercase letters.)+



Please look for our volunteer sheet and other sign ups outside of our classroom! We look for volunteers each month to help out with various things. If you would like to volunteer, and the dates available do not fit with your schedule, please let us know. We are very flexible. Volunteer times are **9:45-10:35 AM class and 1:15-2:05 PM class**. Please sign your child up for Star of the Week if you have not already done so. "The Stone family and the Kunkel family have volunteered to make orange play-doh this month. Please send it to school the first week of October. There will be a Halloween party sign-up in



the hall. The Halloween party will be on Oct. 31st from **10:00-11:00** in the AM class and **1:30-2:30** in the PM class. An email will be sent to our volunteers closer to the date of the party. The volunteers will plan our crafts, bring a game and snack. On Tuesday, October 31st, please dress your child in their Halloween costume. (Please leave the scary masks, make-up and weapons at home.) We will go trick or treating!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask!

Special Reminders

Chapel: October 7th

Fall Festival: October 17th

Fire Dept: October 1st

Stretch and Grow: October 8th

Halloween Party: October 31st

Birthdays: Jack Hamilton (18th), Paxton Peschke (17th) Oliver Heitkamp (17th)

Star of the Week:

Sept. 30-Oct. 3 Landen Beck/Emmett Gage

Oct. 7th – 10th Carter DelVecchio/Aiden Clark

Oct. 21st-24th River Maupin/Crosley Wood

Orange Play-Doh Volunteers - The Stone Family / The Kunkel Family