

OCTOBER 2020

Family Newsletter

October Book List

Mouse's First Fall

by Lauren Thompson

We're Going on A Leaf Hunt

by Steve Berger

Autumn is Here!

by Heidi Pross Gray

Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn

by Kenard Pak

Fall Mixed Up

by Bob Raczka

Count Down to Fall

by Fran Hawk

Duck and Goose, Find A Pumpkin

by Tod Hills

Why Do Leaves Change Color?

By Betsy Maestro

WE LOVE OCTOBER!

Don't you just love the sound of leaves crunching under your feet or jumping in a pile of leaves? Although the days may be shorter, October is full of apples, pumpkins and pirates -- in art projects, on our lunch plates and in our books.

We are looking forward to Halloween celebrations -- though it might be a bit different than in the past. We are finalizing our Halloween plans, so watch for information in the center and get your costumes ready!

Also, thank you to all our families that completed the parent surveys last month. We value your feedback and look forward to reviewing these each fall and spring.

Just for smiles...

Q: What is a pumpkin's favorite sport?

A: Squash

DID YOU KNOW? DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES

PINCHER GRASP

By the time, your child is 9 months old they should have mastered their pincer grasp. Pincer grasp is defined as using your index finger and thumb to pick up small objects. Children typically start by using the pads of their fingers to pick up the object and then move to using their fingertips.

Some easy ways to begin to develop this technique is by placing small objects in front of your child for them to try to pick up and manipulate. Things like blocks or other small toys and finger foods are a great place to start.



Early Learning
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Curriculum Corner

AS FALL IS QUICKLY APPROACHING, there are many educational ways to use what is outside for a teaching moments or ways to bring outside elements inside for your children to explore. Playing with nature is not only fun but it is extremely easy. Start by taking a nature walk and bring a bag to collect items to find along the way or you can collect items from your backyard and place them in bins to sort and play with. Here are some additional ways to incorporate nature into your child's play:

- Find as many different colored leaves as you can
- Sort acorns or pinecones by size
- Build a home for a squirrel using things you found outside
- Explore the insides of a pumpkin
- Create leaf people by drawing different faces on leaves and talking about emotions

Hey Families -

Have you visited our Facebook page? Not only do we post photos of daily activities, we also use our page to inform families about current events, fun kid friendly activities, and parent tips and tricks.



SO CHECK US OUT AND DON'T FORGET TO GIVE US A THUMBS UP.



Need a fun way to celebrate Halloween this year? Follow the link below for 31 days of Halloween crafts.

ENJOY!
<http://bit.ly/Octcrafts>

REMINDER

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends everyone 6 months and older get a flu shot. Call your pediatrician today for their recommendation and to schedule an appointment.

