

Discovering Me

MONTHLY TIDBITS

OCTOBER



2023

Dear Parents,

October is a calmer month now that the children have settled into the program and have become comfortable being here. This will just keep getting better and better.

The attached calendar outlines this month's lessons and activities. We will be concentrating on the **Fall Season**, **Fire Prevention Week**, begin **shapes and colors**, **five senses** and of course **Halloween**. This month also includes some **science and language activities**.

As always, **crafts, stories, songs and games** are a daily part of our program. Please take the time to stop, look, listen, and question your child about the special projects that he/she makes. Your participation is a very important part of their learning experience.

We will begin giving homework to all **Kindergarten Bound** children this month. It is something the children look forward to doing, especially if they have older siblings doing homework. The homework reinforces the lessons of the day and will progress as the year goes on to include pre-handwriting skills. Please encourage your child to color all activity sheets and complete the homework assignments, but do not force them to do so.

This month is an especially busy month because of our Halloween crafts—black cats, spiders, bats, masks, jolly jack-o-lanterns, and trick or treat bags. We are also planning a **Halloween Costume Party** for Tuesday, October 31st for all children enrolled in our school. Details will be sent home at a later date.

We are asking each family to donate a treat for the Halloween party as soon as possible. Bags of individual snack size pretzels, goldfish, etc., work great. All treats must be individually wrapped.

Keep in mind that we are trying to keep some of the treats somewhat healthy. Each child will go home with a treat bag so you will be able to decide what your child can and cannot eat.

A Few Reminders:

- Every enrolled child must have an up-to-date medical on file. If you have not returned the completed medical form with an up-to-date physical exam, please do so immediately. Your child will not be able to attend the program until we have these records on file or details on a scheduled appointment.
- We do have outdoor play, so please dress your child appropriately—jacket, sneakers, jeans, sweatpants. Do not send your child to school wearing sandals, crocs, party shoes, or long dresses. They are too dangerous when the children are climbing and running so, please have them wear sneakers or rubber soled play shoes. Also check the clothes in your child's shoebox – the weather is getting cooler so the clothes may have to be changed and do not forget underwear and socks.
- Again, please encourage your child to leave all toys at home. We have plenty of toys at school for them to play with.
- If your child has lunch that requires a spoon and/or fork, please remember to include it in their lunch box.
- If you are participating in the "Pizza on Fridays" lunch, do not send lunch or snacks because pizza, a drink, and a snack are provided. If you are not participating just send lunch as usual.
- Check the calendar to see your child's class date for Show-n-Tell.
- School will be closed on Monday, October 9th in observance of Columbus Day.

Sincerely, Carol, Laurie, & Staff

at-a-glance

October Topics:

- Fall Season
- Fire Prevention Week
- Shapes & Colors
- Five Senses
- Science & Language
- Halloween

Please send in an up-to-date medical form.



Please send a spoon and/or fork if your child's lunch requires utensils.

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Halloween Costume Party Tuesday, October 31st!

Please donate an individually wrapped treat for Halloween treat bags!



It's time to update your child's shoebox with cold weather clothing!





Ms. Christine & Ms. Rose

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Apples	2 Apple Picking Green	3 Apple Sauce Green	4 Apple Graphing	5 Sink / Float Experiment	6 Columbus Project Blue	7
8 Fire Prevention Week	9 Columbus Day School Closed	10 Red 911 Do Not Hide, Go Outside Fire Drill 10:00am	11 Firefighter Red	12 Stop, Drop and Roll Circle	13 Fire Truck Circle	14
15 Halloween Fun	16 Treat Bags Yellow / Rectangle	17 Skeleton White / Rectangle Pasta Day	18 Ghost White	19 Boo! Black / Triangle	20 Bat Black / Triangle	21
22 Our Five Senses	23 Making Play-Doh Smell / Purple	24 Mask Sight / Purple 	25 Mummy Shaker Hearing	26 Pumpkin Carving Touch / Orange Nat'l Pumpkin Day	27 Baking Taste / Orange	28
29 More Halloween Fun	30 Candy Corn Day	31 Halloween Party Happy Halloween				



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Fall Fun with Apples	2 Marble Painting Yellow	3 Family Apple Chart Yellow	4 Apple Picking	5 Apple Stamping Brown	6 Apple Pie Brown	7 
8 Fire Prevention Week	9 Columbus Day School Closed	10 911 Don't Hide, Go Outside Fire Drill 10:00am	11 Firefighter Red	12 Stop, Drop and Roll	13 Fire Truck Red	14 
15 Our Five Senses	16 Homemade Pumpkin Play-Doh Smell / Orange	17 Apple Muffins Taste / Orange	18 Popcorn Ghost Hearing / White	19 Boo!  Sight / White	20 Shaving Cream Fun Touch	21 
22 Halloween Fun	23 Witch Green / Circle	24 Monster Green / Circle	25 Pumpkin Treat Bag	26 Candy Corn  Triangle	27 Pumpkin Carving Triangle	28 
29 	30 Black Cat Black / Rectangle	31 Halloween Party Happy Halloween		HALLOWEEN		