

Discovering Me

MONTHLY TIDBITS

OCTOBER



2026

Dear Parents,

October is a calmer month as the children settle into the program and feel more comfortable each day.

The attached calendar will outline this month's lessons and activities. Our topics this month include the **Fall season**, **Columbus Day**, **Fire Prevention Week**, **colors**, **five senses** and of course **Halloween**.

This month also includes science and language activities. The toddler program also includes **Community Helper Week**. 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 crafts and projects that he/she makes. Your participation in this way is an especially important part of the whole 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. Encourage your child to color all activity sheets and complete the 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 Friday, October 30th for all children enrolled in our school. Details will be sent home at a later date.

We are asking each family to donate a bag of treats for our Halloween treat bags. All treats, be it candy, pretzels, chips, etc. must be individually wrapped. Ms. Christine & Ms. Rose

have about 25 children in their room and Ms. Niki has 12 children in her room. Please bring this in as soon as possible. Each child will go home with their treat bag so you will be able to decide what your child can and cannot eat.

A Few Reminders:

- **School will be closed on Monday, October 12th** in observance of Columbus Day.
- **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 of a scheduled appointment.
- **We do have outdoor play, so dress your child appropriately**—jacket, sneakers, jeans, sweatpants, rubber soled play shoes. 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.
- **Check the clothes in your child's shoebox**—the weather is getting cooler so clothes may have to be changed. Don't forget underwear and socks.
- Encourage your child to leave all toys at home as we have plenty of toys at school.
- If your child has lunch that requires a spoon and/or fork, 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, send lunch as usual.
- **Check the calendar to see your child's class date for Show-n-Tell.**

Sincerely, Carol, Laurie, & Staff

at-a-glance

October Topics:

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

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



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

School is closed Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day.



Halloween Costume Party Friday, October 30th!

Please donate an individually wrapped treat for Halloween treat bags!



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





Ms. Niki

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All About Me and My Family				1 I Like Me	2 I Love My Family Smarties Day World Smile Day	3 
4 Fire Prevention Week Red	5 911 Bulletin Board	6 Spot Dalmatian Dog	7 Visit from Dentist Fire is Hot! Painting	8 Ladder Fire Trucks National Hero Day	9 Fire Bags	10 
11 Halloween is Coming Red / Orange	12 Columbus Day School Closed	13 Pumpkin National M+M Day	14 Orange Sensory Bags Nat'l Bring Your Teddy Bear to School Day	15 Monster Mash	16 Acorn Painting	17 National Pasta Day
18 Halloween Fun Orange	19 Pumpkin Treat Bags	20 Big Candy Corn 	21 Pumpkin Play-Doh Apple Day	22 Finger Paint Ghosts	23 Carving Our Pumpkin	24 
25 More Halloween Fun Black	26 Lego Pumpkin Nat'l Pumpkin Day	27 Witch Hat	28 Black Spider National Choc Day	29 Black Bat 	30 Happy Halloween Party	31 Happy Halloween



Ms. Christine & Ms. Rose

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fall Fun				1 Fall Animals Squirrel Craft	2 Acorns for Squirrels Smarties Day World Smile Day	3 
4 Fire Prevention Week	5 "Charge into Fire Safety" Red	6 Fire Truck Craft Red	7 Visit from Dentist 911 Craft	8 Blue Sink and Float National Hero Day	9 Columbus Day Craft Blue	10 
11 Halloween Decorations & Shapes	12 Columbus Day School Closed	13 Green Treat Bags for Halloween Rectangle National M+M Day	14 Purple Bat Ears Triangle Nat'l Bring Your Teddy Bear to School Day	15 Purple Witch Hat Triangle	16 Ghost Treat Science Experiment	17 National Pasta Day
18 Community Helpers & Shapes	19 Mail Carrier Circle	20 Police Officer Square	21 Yellow Doctor Apple Day	22 Yellow Visit from Firefighters and Fire Truck Circle	23 Baker Making Corn Bread Square	24 
25 5 Senses and More Halloween Fun	26 Smell Pumpkin Day Play-Doh Nat'l Pumpkin Day	27 Sight Black Cat Mask Black Cat Day	28 Hearing Spooky Sounds "BOO" National Choc Day	29 Touch Carving Our Pumpkin 	30 Taste Happy Halloween Party	31 Happy Halloween