



Discovery Zone Gazette

Infants Have "Spook-tacular" Month

For the month of October the Infant Room will decorate the room with their artwork by doing their hand and foot prints. These will be turned into ghost, pumpkins and painting trick or treat bags. We are going to read books about Fall and Halloween.

The babies are growing up so quickly. We are seeing some new crawlers,



walkers and infants pulling themselves up. We have others that are rolling over and scooting around. We are continuing to guide all of the children with this developmental stage by hold them up to walk and giving lots of tummy time.

Other activities for the month include carving a pumpkin and letting the children explore the feel

of the inside of the pumpkin. We will have a Halloween parade at 9:30 on October 30th. Please bring your child in their costume with a change of clothes.

We would like to welcome Vanessa, Abigail and their families to our classroom. We would also like to wish Jacob and his family the best of luck at their new center. We would like to wish Jackson and Izabel a very happy first birthday.

Please remember to label all of your child's belongings.

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Important Dates:

- 10/12 & 13- school age FUN DAYS- please sign up ASAP to guarantee a spot.
- 10/22- Preschool field trip to Hurst Farm.- leaving at 9:15, please leave labeled car seat and turn in permission slip.
- 10/28 Buana Iguana will educate and entertain the children about exotic animals.
- 10/30 Halloween party/parade

Toddlers are Our Little Pumpkins

The Toddler Room would like to welcome Liam and family to our classroom.

The Toddlers will enter the month of October with a "Four Seasons" theme. They will finger-paint to create a "slice of summer", jump into fall to create colorful fall leaves, using creativity to make a winter tree and finally use large motor skills to create a rainy collage for spring.

The second week of Octo-

ber Toddlers will have a fall harvest theme. Children will make pumpkin pudding, sort leaves and do corn rolling.

The third week of October the children will work on pumpkins and more. They will paint pumpkins with kooshballs, paint using colorful leaves with corn syrup and make a tissue paper owl.



The last two weeks of October we will make Halloween projects. The children will make a haunted house using lima beans for ghost, tissue paper mummies, create candy corn, sponge paint a witch, make a Halloween spider web and play a Halloween match game. The children will also participate in the Halloween parade on Friday October 30th.

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Preschool A is on "Fire" with Learning

To begin the month of October Preschool A will finish a week on scarecrows and begin a week on fire safety.



To start the week off, the children will be able to get creative and practice their fine motor skills as they paint spots onto paper Dalmatians with their fingertips. Then later on they will play a game called, "Up and Down the Ladder", where the children will roll the dice and walk up the rungs of a ladder in order to save the animals. This will work on our gross motor skills as well as number recognition. To end the week we will have the sensory table open with an activity called, "Ready,

Aim, Squirt!". In this activity the preschool students will be able to squirt water out of bottles so they can put the pretend fire out.

For the week starting October 12th our theme will be Family and the letter F. Preschool A will create a project called, "Helping Hands". With this, the children will make handprints and then come up with ideas that they could do to help their families using their hands. Also we will create a class tree. The class tree will be a big paper tree hung up on the wall that will change with the seasons. The children will paint the tree and then make various projects over the months that we will add to it, starting with new birthdays!

October 19th through the 25th will be a week on pumpkins and the letter

G. Preschoolers will start the week baking delicious pumpkin rolls. Measuring out ingredients will work on math skills while stirring them together will help their fine motor skills. Also, this week is our field trip to Hurst Farm where the children will go on a hayride, pick their own pumpkins and turnips to feed to the farm animals. The preschoolers will also make their way through the hay bail maze.

The last week of the month will be our week of Halloween and the letter H. During this week the children will be able to paint their own pumpkins and celebrate the holiday with a Halloween party and parade, with costumes, on Friday October 30th.

Keep an eye out around the classroom for spooky & fun projects.

Preschool B Heads to the Farm

The first week, Preschool B will talk about fall. The children will make apple sun catchers out of contact and tissue paper. We will also be hard at work on our cutting when we make leaf spirals.

The second week we will look at life on the farm. We will read The Little Red Hen during circle, which will help the chil-



dren learn the importance of working together and share with one another.

The third week will be Ghouls and Goblins. We will make green goop in plastic bags and make ghost handprints.

There is also a field trip on October 22nd to Hurst Farm in Andover where the children will pick their own pumpkins, pick and feed

turnips to the animals, go through a hay bale corn maze and go for a hayride.

The last week will be a theme on Jack-o-lanterns. We will play with pumpkin seeds and the inside of the pumpkin. There will also be a pumpkin puzzle made out of real pumpkins. Our Halloween Party and parade will be on October 30th at 9:30. Please come in costume!

Center News

REMINDER: if your child is celebrating a birthday & you would like to send a special snack, to make the snack healthy. Some great ideas that the children love are muffins, banana bread, fruit juice popsicles or fruit with whipped cream.

Please remember to sign your child

in/out every day!

Also if you are running late or dropping off early you need to call and make arrangements with the office so that our center can be properly staffed.

Our Halloween Parade is Friday Octo-

ber 30th at 9:30. The classrooms will also have special snacks and activities for the day. Please bring spare clothes to change out of their costumes.



Original Works is Coming to DZLC

We are pleased to announce that month of October, as part of our holiday celebration, we will run the Original Works Program at Discovery Zone Learning Center.

In business since 1989, Original Works is the #1 art based fundraising company in the country, and currently works with thousands of schools and hundreds of thousands of students each year.

Through the Original Works program, each child will have the opportunity to have their very own artwork reproduced onto a variety of high quality products. The products range from magnets, mugs and mouse pads, to

ceramic tiles, t-shirts, note cards and nearly two dozen other products.

Each child is eligible to participate in this wonderful program. Once the artwork is created, parents and children will have the opportunity to select which product or products they would like to feature their artwork. The program is designed to encourage creativity and student self-esteem. The resulting products make unique gifts that are practical for any season or occasion.



Complete details on the program will be sent home shortly. Proceeds from the program will be used to purchase supplies and furniture for the new building. For more information on Original Works please visit their website at www.originalworks.com.



