



Discovery Zone Gazette

Preschool B is on "Fire" with Learning



October is fire safety month and Preschool B will take

the first week of October to practice keeping ourselves safe in the event of an emergency. The children will use large motor skills to practice Stop, Drop, and Roll. The children will also practice a fire drill to refresh them on how to evacuate the building quickly and safely. Math skills will be built as the children put spots on fire dogs and count the total. The children will then name the dogs when they are done. Finally, we will take a field trip to the fire station on Friday 10/9. While

there, the children will get a tour of the station, see all the trucks and get to meet real firefighters.

Next, Preschool B will enjoy a one week theme on apples. During this week, Preschoolers will explore the ins and outs of an apple. The children will paint, cook and investigate with apples. Preschoolers will also enjoy a field trip to Hurst Farm on Thursday 10/15. The children will enjoy a hayride, pick turnips to feed to goats and oxen, and pick a pumpkin to take home.

The Hurst Farm trip is a great way to introduce our next theme...Fall. During this week Preschool B will learn why leaves change color and why the air is becoming crisp. We will take

several nature walks and collect "Fall Facts" that will be used to create a collage at the end of the week.

The children will learn parts of a leaf and investigate the insides of a pumpkin. Preschoolers will also practice estimating by guessing the number of seeds in a pumpkin.

Finally, we wrap up October with a one week theme on Halloween. During this spooky week, the children will prepare for the annual Halloween Parade on 10/30. The children will use creativity to design a dream costume.

Please don't forget permission slips and payment for children to attend our field trips.

Happy Fall!

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Important Dates:

- ☺ 10/12 & 10/13 Fun Days for School Ageds. Please note that sign ups were due 9/30. Any permission slips received after will only be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.
- ☺ 10/28 Buana Iguana will educate and entertain the children about exotic animals from around the world.
- ☺ 10/30 Annual Halloween Parade & Party

Learning "Falls" into Place for Toddler B

Toddler B "falls" into Autumn as we explore the colors and textures of the season. For the first week, Toddlers will work on creative skills through a variety of arts and crafts. The children will enhance color recognition as they sort

leaves by color.

For the second week of October, Toddler B will concentrate on numbers and shapes. The children will build a scarecrow out of shapes. They will also match shapes to patches on a scarecrow. Math skills

will be built further as they count the matches they have made.

For the next two weeks, pumpkins will be the talk of the town. The children will learn about the life cycle of a pumpkin from seed to fruit. Toddlers will also

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Infants are our Little Pumpkins

The Infant Room starts off October welcoming the fall. The children will have the opportunity to explore leaves with a fun sensory project. While working the children will be exposed to vocabulary relating to colors, shapes and textures. Later the children will finger paint leaves with fall colors.

We continue with sensory fun as the children finger paint a Jack O' Lantern and explore both the inside and outside of a pumpkin. (Under close teacher supervision of course!) The children will celebrate Halloween with several fun projects. We will create

spooky ghosts with the children's footprints and creepy spiders with their handprints. The children will also create tissue paper black cats.

The Infant Room wishes a Happy First Birthday to Devin B.



Toddler A Explores Apples

Toddler A will begin the month of October with a two week theme on fall. Toddlers will develop their fine motor skills by painting pumpkins for our fall bulletin board in the classroom. Be on the lookout for the finished result. The children will enhance their scientific knowledge through an experiment with nature prints and the sun. Science and exploration will be developed when children investigate the inside of a squash. Toddlers will enjoy a sensory and fine motor experience through sponge painting different fall colors. Math and cooking skills will be improved when the children make some delicious apple cider. We will also be creating our own leaf puppets to use at circle time for a song about the fall season.

Toddlers will also enhance their vocabulary in relation to the fall as we enjoy a nature walk and observe many of the characteristics of the season. We will discuss the changing of seasons in an activity in which

the children will make fall trees with their arms. Toddler's sense of taste will be used when they are given the opportunity to taste test different types of apples. Gross motor skills will be enhanced through an activity of jumping over pumpkins. Throughout this two week theme, toddlers will also be learning various new songs and games about the fall.

For the third week of October, toddlers will learn all about fire safety. Fine motor skills will be developed through the creation of fire pictures and ladder rubbings. Children will have the opportunity to enjoy a sensory experience in the water table with "flames" and squirt bottles to put them out. We will work on our gross motor skills and will discuss different prepositions through an obstacle course. The children will also use their creativity to construct their own fire truck out of a cardboard box. Toddlers will learn about fire safety

rules when they practice "Stop, drop, roll," and dialing 911 on our play phones.

To end out the month, children will do a week theme on apples. Math and fine motor skills will be developed in an activity of "Apples on Top." Through this activity children will stack and count apples that they have put on top of a headband that they will make. Fine motor skills will also be developed with marble paint apples. Math and cooking skills will be enhanced when the children make their own applesauce. The toddler classroom will also be charting the apples they like best. Finally, toddlers will participate in a worm workout in which they will explore numerous textures and develop their fine motor skills.



Preschool A Has a Spook-tacular Month

Preschool A will have lots of fun for the month of October. We begin with a week on Fire Safety. Our class will improve literacy skills by creating fire badges, practice gross motor skills with Stop, Drop and Roll. The children will also have a fire drill in which they will practice exiting the building safely and quickly. The children will also build fine motor skills as they marble paint and end the week with a field trip to the Columbia Fire Station where the children will be introduced to a fire-fighter's gear, listen to a story about fire safety, and get to sit in a real fire truck.

The second week of October will be all about pumpkins. The class will enjoy art activities as they decorate a wagon

and practice shape recognition creating Jack O' Lantern faces. Preschoolers will improve letter recognition and literacy skills while playing "Jack O' Lantern Letters." The children will enjoy science and sensory experiences as they scoop out a pumpkin and make a Jack O' Lantern. The children will build math skills as they sort seeds and order pumpkins from large to small. Thursday will be the field trip to Hurst Farm where the children will help some animals, walk a hay maze, have a hay ride, and enjoy a snack. We end the week making our own pumpkin pie...Yum!

The following week of October will be all about Fall. The children will explore nature as they collect leaves to do leaf rubbings. Preschoolers will also make

their own scarecrow and enjoy a sensory experience of finger painting leaves. Science and math are the focus as the children sort leaves and explore nature items.

Preschool A ends October with a week on Halloween. The class will use fine motor skills to create spider webs and create Trick-Or-Treat bags. Friday will be our annual Halloween Party complete with costumes and trick-or-treating. Please send your child in costume and DZLC will change them later.



Toddler B Continued

enhance size related vocabulary as the children attempt to sequence pumpkins by size of small to large.

As the month ends, Toddler B will get slimy as we dissect and discover the interior of a pumpkin. This week, the children will explore all their senses

as we use pumpkin "insides" for a variety of activities. We will bake the seeds and use the flesh to create a delicious pumpkin roll. To end the month Toddler B will have a pumpkin patch experi-



ence at DZLC. The children will enjoy a wagon ride and pumpkin picking right here at DZLC.

Toddler B is happy to welcome Trenton K. and family to our class. Have a wonderful and safe Halloween!

Center News

Construction on the new building continues. At this point and time our builders predict that we should be in the new building by the 3rd for 4th week of November. We would just like to reassure everyone that our plan for the move is to have movers transport our items to the new Center on Friday evening and have the staff set up their classrooms over the weekend. There will be no interruption in care. Also, our staff have been talking about the move with the children to prepare them for the transition. We are all very excited for the move and we will keep you in-

formed of the progress.

Please take your child's sunscreen home if you would like to keep it. All sunscreen remaining at DZLC by 10/30 will be discarded.

Please join us for our annual Halloween Parade on Friday 10/30. Please have your child arrive at DZLC in their costume. The children will enjoy a parade and trick-or-treating to businesses in the plaza. (Please note all treats are provided by DZLC.) Please provide your child with extra clothes as the children will change from their costumes shortly after the parade. The DZLC staff will

change the children in order to keep costumes in good repair for Halloween night.

Finally, please make sure that your child(ren) has a jacket or sweatshirt for outdoor play. Mornings can be chilly! Also, please make sure that your child's extra clothes (in their cubbie) represent the cooling weather.



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.



Happy Halloween 