



Mrs. Dempski's Newsletter



A Sneak Peek at the Coming Weeks
 Dates: 10/9 – 10/31 (Pumpkins/Halloween)

Here are the skills we will be highlighting in class:

Language Arts: Pumpkin vocabulary – parts of the pumpkin, things that are made from pumpkin, etc., pumpkin letter bingo, pumpkin patch letter match, pumpkin opposites, haunted house letter bingo, beginning sounds sorting (m for monster/h for haunted house), story retelling

Mathematics: Sort pumpkins by attributes (size, stem, shape, carved, etc.), pumpkin hunt (find the correct number of pumpkins), counting pumpkins onto a vine, pattern with pumpkins, sort monsters by attributes (color, # of legs, # of eyes, etc.), haunted house hunt (find the correct number of characters for the haunted house), counting monsters for the haunted house, candy patterning

Science: Cut open an pumpkin and explore the parts, talk about the life cycle of the pumpkin and what happens to the tree during the seasons, explore pumpkin buoyancy with sink/float, make witches brew in a cauldron (baking soda/ vinegar)

Social Studies: Talk about where pumpkins come from and how they are made into products

Physical Development and Health: Cut pieces to assemble an pumpkin collage, use tweezers to fill pumpkins with seeds and pulp (yarn) one piece at a time, balance a mini pumpkin on their head, pumpkin bowling, string beads to make a necklace

The Arts: Pumpkin prints with paint, draw a picture of an pumpkin and label the parts

Social/Emotional Development: Work together to create a pumpkin patch in the dramatic play center and use the materials purposefully (weigh pumpkins, sort pumpkins/gourds, share materials, etc.), monster emotions (Glad Monster, Sad Monster), Red Ribbon Week activities

Featured Songs and Stories:

Pumpkin Countdown by Joan Holub, Pick A Perfect Pumpkin by Robin Koontz, The Bumpy Little Pumpkin by Margery Cuyler, The Ugly Pumpkin by Dave Horowitz, The Legend of Spookley the Square Pumpkin by Joe Troiano, The Runaway Pumpkin by Kevin Lewis, Sixteen Runaway Pumpkins by Dianne Ochiltree, Patty's Pumpkin Patch by Teri Sloat, From Seed to Pumpkin by Wendy Pfeffer, Pumpkins by Ken Robbins, The Stubborn Pumpkin by Laura Geringer, Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper, "5 Little Pumpkins", "Pick A Pumpkin", Inside A House That Is Haunted by Alyssa Capucilli, It Is For Haunted House by Tanya Lee Stone, Ten Timid Ghosts by Jennifer O'Connell, There Was An Old Monster by Ed Emberley, If You're A Monster & You Know It by Ed Emberley, Monster Stew by Marcia Gresko, "5 Little Monsters", "The Monster Pokey"

Dates to Remember:

- Monday, Oct. 9th – No School (Columbus Day)
- Wednesday, Oct. 11th – School Picture Retakes
- Thursday, Oct. 12th – Hillcrest Special Friend's Day
- Tuesday, Oct. 17th – BOE Meeting @ 7:00
- Tuesday, Oct. 24th – Pre-K Pumpkin Patch field trip (staff and students only)
- Thursday, Oct. 26th – Pre-K Pumpkin Carving Night (6:15-7:30)
- Tuesday, Oct. 31st – Halloween celebrations (staff and students only)

Important Information:

Thank you to all of the families that have donated apples for all of our classroom activities. If you are interested in sending in any mini pumpkins or gourds, we will use them for activities within the classroom throughout the upcoming weeks – just let me know!

Please make sure to check out our information about the upcoming events (Grandparent's Day, Pumpkin Patch Field Trip, Pumpkin Carving Night and Halloween). Let me know if you have any questions about any of the events. Classroom volunteers will begin in November, so be on the lookout for the monthly calendar with more info.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10/9-10/13	No School (Columbus Day)		School Picture Retakes Music Class	Library cart	Friendship Group w/Mrs. Davis's Class
10/16-10/20			Music Class with Ms. Emsun	Library cart	Friendship Group w/Mrs. Davis's Class
10/23-10/27		Pumpkin Farm Field Trip (staff & students only)	Music Class with Ms. Emsun	Library cart Pumpkin Carving Night	
10/30-10/31		Halloween Celebration (staff & students only)			