

Mrs. Walker and Ms. Toennies' Shining Stars



Monthly Newsletter



Fall is in the air!!!! The children are beginning to understand that Fall means experiencing cooler temperatures in the mornings, wearing a light jacket and watching the leaves change colors. Many of the children are already talking about the hot air balloons they see in the sky as they ride to school each morning. So guess what!!! We made our own hot air balloons. Hopefully, on October 2nd during our balloon aloft, the children will see our very own "Kermit the Frog" go up in a balloon.

As we continue to learn about Fall and explore the wonderful changes it brings, we will examine different types of leaves, twigs, acorns, apples, corn, pumpkins, etc. The children will participate in a variety of fine motor activities such as apple stamping, leaf rubbing, fall lacing cards, and bake fall treats. Also during this unit, the children will have an opportunity to learn about farming and farm animals. We will examine some of the fruits and vegetables harvested this time of year. To provide somewhat of a realistic "Down on the Farm" experience, the children will help set up a pretend "Farmer's Market and Pumpkin Patch" in our classroom. Also, we will learn about farm animals and how they help us. Later, the children will help create a pretend "Milking Station". Also, the students have shown such an interest in nocturnal animals and spiders, we have decided to learn more about these fascinating creatures. Near the end of the month, we will learn about spiders....Wow, what a great way to say "Have a Safe & Happy Halloween!!!"

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Literacy Corner

Nursery Rhymes:

- One, Two, Buckle My Shoe
- Little Miss Muffett
- Itsy Bitsy Spider
- To Market, To Market

Stories

- The Apple Pie Tree
- Autumn's First Leaf
- Down on the Farm
- Sheep in a Jeep
- Ten Apples Up On Top!
- There Was An Old Monster!

Finger plays and Songs:

- Five Little Apples
- Five Little Pumpkins
- Way Up High in the Apple Tree
- Old MacDonald Had a Farm

Games

- Apple Race, Pumpkin Number Match, Pin the Tail on the Donkey & Duck, Duck, Goose



Math News

Last month, the children did a great job sorting & classifying simple objects. Thanks for all your help!!! Now, we are learning to count objects up to 10 and understand one to one correspondence up to 5.



October Birthdays

- BrendanOct 21
- Garrett.....Oct 23

A special thank you to

- Patricia McHale
 - Genine Ibarra
 - Tasha Goodwin
 - Valerie White
 - Camille Berrones-Basler
 - Melissa Howard
 - Mark & Rajmah Mooty
- for donations or helping in our classroom last month.

Current Focus

This Month's Theme: Down on the Farm
The children will be encouraged to participate in the following activities:

- **Alphabet recognition:** E, F,G, H
- **Letter sounds:** E, F,G, H
- **Number Recognition:** 3 and 4
- **Math:** counting, sorting and classifying
- **Colors:** orange and black
- **Shapes:** circle, square, and triangle
- **Opposites:** big/little; dirty/clean
- **Value:** Sharing
- **Science:** Fall, Harvest Time and Graphing Weather
- **Special Events:** Fall Carnival, Balloon Fiesta, Fire Prevention & Halloween

Kids in the Kitchen



Here are some fun snacks the children will make to review concepts, colors & shapes.

- Apple Burritos
- Apple sauce
- Purple Cow Milk Shakes
- Pigs in a Blanket
- Pumpkin Bread (color orange)
- Edible Spiders (color black)

Reminders

Snack Fee---A \$10 snack fee is due the first Tuesday of each month.

Attendance—Remember to report your child's absence as soon as possible to Krystal @ 892-7735, ext 511. Also, please notify the bus company.

Food Allergies...Please remember we are a "peanut free" campus.