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# HOPE VALLEY PRESCHOOL

October 2020

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After talking about the different parts of a tree, James and Owen go outside to explore the bark.

### ***Preschool Investigative Study: Trees***

During October, we will begin our investigative study of trees. We start out each investigation with a Question of the Day. What do we know about trees? What do we want to find out? We'll learn about the characteristics of trees in our community, who lives in trees, what food comes from trees, who takes care of trees, how trees change and what we can do with parts of trees. We have chosen the following books for our investigation; Leaf Man, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, Red Leaf Yellow Leaf, Leaves, The Little Yellow Leaf, The Apple Pie Tree, One More Acorn, This Tree Counts and The Busy Little Squirrel. Each book has a series of discussion questions the children will enjoy talking about.

At the end of the month, our children will participate in our annual pumpkin investigations. Using yarn, we'll measure the circumference of pumpkins, weigh them and paint them. What is inside of a pumpkin? Does a pumpkin float or sink in water? We'll find out!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ripped paper pumpkin art- Toddler/Y2
- 6<sup>th</sup> Fall "shake" painting- Toddler/Y2
- 8<sup>th</sup> Fall Sensory Left Painting- Preschoolers
- 13<sup>th</sup> Color mixing pumpkin activity- Toddler/Y2
- 14<sup>th</sup> Water Painting on the sidewalk Preschoolers
- 27<sup>th</sup> Fall Scavenger Hunt- Preschoolers
- 28<sup>th</sup> "Ghost" Cup Stacking- Toddler/Y2
- 27<sup>th</sup> Pumpkin Exploration- Preschoolers
- 30<sup>th</sup> Dress Up Parade/Fall Classroom Parties- Centerwide

## FITNESS FRIDAYS

- 2 Kick High
- 9 Follow The Leader
- 16 Galloping
- 23 Dribble Kick
- 30 Body Part Balance

## *Our Specials*

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Friday
Math Lesson	Literacy Lesson	Music Class	Spanish Class	Math Lesson



Margo is using her sense of touch, sight and hearing to explore the Fall leaves.



### **Book of the Month**

This month our preschoolers will enjoy reading *Apples and Pumpkins* by Anne Rockwell. "When red and yellow leaves are on the trees," a little girl goes with her parents to a farm where they pick apples and choose "the best pumpkin of them all." Back home, she helps to carve a grinning jack-o'-lantern face on the big orange pumpkin, which guards their doorstep on Halloween night while her mother hands out shiny red apples and she and her father go trick-or-treating with the neighborhood ghosts and goblins.

### **Infants and Toddlers**

The cool weather of fall brings many changes. Toddlers have lots of fun exploring and touching leaves, pumpkins, gourds, and apples. For toddlers, the activities with leaves provide chances to sort, compare, and add new words to their vocabularies.

Apples are included in the diet of many infants and toddlers. Our children will have opportunities to see, taste, touch and smell apples in many forms, and toddlers will be exposed to the many different colors, sizes, and shapes of apples.

Pumpkins and gourds are everywhere in the Fall. Our children will learn about the colors and shapes of pumpkins and gourds, and how they feel. These activities with pumpkins and gourds will help toddlers develop additional language skills.

Be on the lookout for nature collages, leaf boats, pumpkin and apple investigations, fall pictures, and discovering seeds...just to mention a few of our planned fall activities!

### **MUSIC**

How does a maraca sound happy or a tambourine sound sad?

Our children will explore new ways to use rhythm instruments as they make sounds to express feelings.



We'll also learn some new autumn songs and finger plays and the accompanying sign language.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

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| Natalie W. | Charlie S. | Duncan H. |
| Leo S.     | Genghis S. | Ellis D.  |
| Chance D.  | Wesley T.  | Tucker H. |
| Eli S.     |            |           |



### **SPANISH**

Feliz el otono! That means Happy Autumn! This month we will learn autumn words such as: apples-las manzana, leaves-las hojas, pumpkins-calabazas

