

## 4s WEEKLY NEWSLETTER WEEKS OF OCTOBER 4 – 29 EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

**October 4 & 5:** Dream Maker Farm Petting Zoo  
**October 12 & 15:** Gotta Dance Enrichment  
**October 22:** Special Art Enrichment with Mrs. DePaoli  
**October 28:** \*\*Halloween Party TTh/TThF  
**October 29:** \*\*Halloween Party MW/MWF  
**Week of October 26:** Be on the look out for Progress Reports  
**November 2:** NO SCHOOL In-Service  
**November 3, 4 & 5:** Picture Days



### \*\*HALLOWEEN PARTY POINTERS!

- Your child may dress in his or her child-friendly Halloween costume. Because costumes make bathroom time difficult and because costumes tend to be uncomfortable and hot, ***please send in a change of clothing for your child!***
- NO weapons or dangerous props, please!***
- Please send your child in safe footwear! Gym shoes are still most appropriate!***
- Each child is welcome to bring a Trick-Or-Treat treat to share with their friends!

**Week of October 4:** Last month we began our unit on our five senses and we are learning how they help us to discover the world around us. This week's sense will **hearing**.

**Monday and Tuesday** the children will get a visit from Dream Maker Farms Petting Zoo! **Wednesday and Thursday** the children will enjoy the story the **Humbug Witch**. They will create their own witch to bring home! **Friday** the children will create a pumpkin that turns in a jack-o-lantern!

Our letter this week is **Hh** for **H**alloween! We will also explore the number **5** and its value, and our emphasized shape will be **OVAL**.

**Week of October 11:** This week we will begin to create our Halloween trick-or-treat bags. Halloween is really fun, but can be a bit scary for



the preschool aged child, so this time of year is a good opportunity to talk about our feelings and emotions. On **Monday**, the children will learn the classic fingerplay, *Five Little Pumpkins Sitting on a Gate* and will create this fun rhyme at craft time! It is our hope they can come home and

recite this rhyme for you! Oral fluency is an important skill in our classrooms! The children will also develop critical thinking skills Monday, as they use simple building materials to help their pumpkins sit on a gate they create!

**Tuesday and Friday** this week, we will have a visit from the dancing experts at Gotta Dance! We will move and shake and learn to express ourselves through song! We will also be making Oobleck to explore solids and liquids.

**Wednesday and Thursday** we will be reading Ed Emberly's, *Go Away, Big Green Monster!* The children will have an opportunity to create a monster of their own.



Additionally this week, we will continue our unit on the five senses by exploring our sense of **Smell**. Our letter of the week is **Mm** and we will explore the number **6** and its value.



**Week of October 19:** Our letter this week is **Bb** and we will explore the number **7** and its value. We will also be exploring our sense of **taste**. "Blind" tasting will be a science experience---does the food on your tongue taste salty? Sweet? Sour? or Bitter? This activity, again, will help the children to concentrate on only one sense at a time and to exercise self-control.



**Monday** we will make a cute mummy craft out of the children's pictures and construction paper.

**Tuesday and Wednesday** will be Share Day! We will have the chance to interact with students from the other classrooms. We will reinforce making new friends and sharing! We will pair a fun story with a special craft and other sharing fun!

**Thursday and Friday:** We will enjoy Special Art with Mrs. DePaoli! We will learn about a famous artist and create art in the same style.

**Week of October 26:** Just around the corner is a favorite Halloween! To prepare for this, on **Monday and Tuesday**, the children will carve a pumpkin as a class! We will explore the outside and inside of the pumpkin and will work together to decide if our class pumpkin should have a funny or scary face!

**Wednesday**, the children will be reading Eric Carle's book, *The Very Busy Spider*. The children will then have the opportunity to create their own spiderweb out of glue, salt, and watercolor paints. After exploring and learning about arachnids this week your child should be able to tell you what the difference is between a spider and an insect! How many legs does an arachnid have?

This week, we will review the letters **Bb,Hh,Mm,Ss,Tt** and number **0-7**.

Our **Halloween Parties are Thursday and Friday!** Please see guidelines above and in the all-school newsletter!

