

4s WEEKLY NEWSLETTER WEEKS OF OCTOBER 5 – 30

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE



October 14 & 15: Petting Zoo

October 29: **Halloween Party TTh/TThF

October 30: **Halloween Party MW/MWF

Week of October 26: Look for Progress Reports by email

November 3: NO SCHOOL In-Service

November 4 & 5: Picture Days

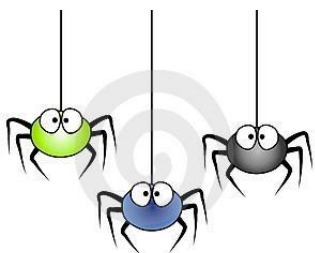
**HALLOWEEN POINTERS!

- 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 5: 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 be our sense of SMELL. **Monday and Tuesday** the children will be reading the book Click Clack Moo and will be making a Cow Windsock.

Wednesday and Thursday the children will read Cock-A-Doodle-Do and will finish putting the Cow Windsock together. **Friday** the children will read Creak, Pop-Pop Moo and will be crafting and make a Rooster. Our letter this week is B, we will explore the number 5 and its value, and our emphasized shape will be OVAL.

Week of October 12: This week we will begin to create our Halloween trick-or-treat bags. The children will also be participating in activities which will help them to discover the characteristics which are unique to spiders. The sensory bin will be filled with "insects" and "spiders". Hunting for spiders in and around the school and home will be ongoing. **Monday and Tuesday** the children will be reading Eric Carle's book ***The Very Busy***



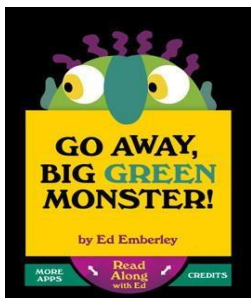
Spider. The children will then have the opportunity to use their small muscles to cut and our larger muscles to marble paint an oval spider web. Later in the week we will make a spider for the web. Hopefully, after exploring and learning about our friendly arachnids, by the week's end your child will be able to tell you what the difference is between a spider and an insect! Ask, how many legs does an arachnid have? We will continue our unit on the Five Senses this week by exploring our sense of TASTE. 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. Our letter of the week is H, we will explore the number 6 and its value. **Friday Only:** "Little Pumpkin round and fat, turn into a jack-o-lantern, just like that!" It will be fun to turn pumpkins into jack-o-lanterns expressing different emotions at our Art Table!

Week of October 19: Halloween is really fun, but can be a bit scary for the preschool age child, so this time of year is a good opportunity to talk about our feelings and emotions. On **Monday and Tuesday** this week, then, will learn the classic fingerplay, Five Little Pumpkins. The children will then have the opportunity to create Five Little Pumpkins of their own, each of those five expressing a different emotion. Our letter of the week is "M and we will explore the number 7 and its value. We will also be exploring our sense of HEARING. **Wednesday and Thursday**, we will be reading Ed Emberly's Go Away, Big Green Monster! Then the children will have an opportunity to create a monster of their own.

Friday Only: The children will be pounding, manipulating, rolling, squishing and cutting

(all great activities to build small motor strength and dexterity) with "Smelly" Playdoh and Halloween cookie cutters.

Week of October 26: Just around the corner is a favorite children's holiday---Halloween! Although Trick-or-Treating is exciting, Halloween, with its ghosts and goblins and scary stories, can also be quite frightening for children. Literature can help the young child to deal with fears. On **Monday and Tuesday** we will be reading the book Humbug Witch, by Lorna Balian. Then, using green painted paper plates and construction paper parts, the children will be creating witchy masks of their own. When this project comes home, your child might become a "mean old witch", borrowing a line from a favorite Halloween song!



Wednesday classes will use marshmallows and pretzels to create their own shapes. They can see if they can make a rectangle, square, triangle and why they can't make a circle.

We will review the letters B,H,M,S,T and number 0-7 this week.

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