

# PREK WEEKLY NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OCTOBER 2020

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

**October 12:** Music with Mrs. Schablein

**October 14:** Petting Zoo

**October 21:** Mr. Goldie visits

**October 30:** \*\*Halloween Party

**Week of October 26:** Look for Progress Reports by email



### \*\*HALLOWEEN POINTERS!

- Your child may dress in his or her child-friendly Halloween costume on the day of their party.
- 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.

Halloween is a fun and much anticipated day! As we near Halloween, your child will be bringing home Halloween art to decorate your home. These projects give your child the opportunity to increase fine motor skills, listening skills, following directions and increase his/her ability to persist at work on a project to its completion.

For the rest of the month, we will incorporate Halloween themed activities into our STEAM lessons. We will turn pumpkins into geoboards, use different techniques to create art and use our minds to build gates for the "5 Little Pumpkins".

We will also begin work on our Halloween bags that will be used at our Halloween party for our treats! We have concluded our study of shapes but we will continue to review them through the use of games and materials that are available to your child on our classroom shelves.



### Pre-K Week of October 5-9



We are preparing for our upcoming petting zoo by reading books and stories about farm animals. On **Monday**, we categorize animals as farm or non-farm animals. We will enjoy the story, *The Rain Puddle*, and will make a cow wind sock.

Throughout this entire week, we will learn more about our sense of **smell**. We will play a game where students will try to guess what is in film canisters just by smelling them! Peanut butter, onions and toothpaste will be just some of the smells our noses discover!

On **Wednesday**, we will learn more about the letter **Bb**. At the art tables, the children will create a capital letter "B" Book. They will also be **become builders** when they engineer a gate, after learning to recite the poem *Five Little Pumpkins Sitting on a Gate*.

On **Friday**, the children will make a lowercase "b" butterfly while practicing important cutting skills. These two art projects will be placed in your child's Alphabet Art folder. This folder will come home at the end of the year after we have completed our study of the entire alphabet! What a fun keepsake!

### Pre-K Week of October 12-16

We will begin our study of the letter **Hh** this week by learning about the **horrible** monster Frankenstein. On **Monday**, we will read the book, *Frankie Stein* by Lola M. Schaefer. We will learn a bit about the artist Pablo Picasso. Then, each child will make his/her own Picasso inspired Frankenstein. This lesson is a fun way to get ready for Halloween and also provides a Halloween decoration for your home! During our STEAM learning time, we will experiment with pumpkin catapults.



On **Wednesday**, before visiting our farm animals, the children will make the lowercase "h" horse for their alphabet books.

On **Friday**, the children will make an uppercase "H" Haunted House. They will also be experimenting with wind and cause and effect when making blow art ghosts. Using straws, the children will blow white dots of paint on a black paper to create a spooky gaggle of ghosts. What happens when

you blow hard? Soft?

### Week of October 19-23

We will start **Monday** by reading the book *Room on the Broom* by Julia Donaldson. We will work with ordinal numbers when making a story retelling prop to bring home.

As we study the letter **Mm** this week, we will create a pumpkin exploration book during our STEAM time. We will **measure**, **mark**, and **manipulate** pumpkins to learn more about this seasonal squash. We will also discuss the number **7** and our sense of **taste**.

On **Wednesday**, we will make an uppercase "M" Monster followed by a lowercase "m" mouse on **Friday**. This art activity reinforces our letter for the week and it gives your child practice in listening and following directions. We will read the book *Mouse Count* by Ellen Stoll Walsh. In this book a snake is very hungry for ten little mice. Your child will complete an Alphabet Writing Book page telling what ten things he/she would like to eat.



## Pre-K Week of October 26-30

On **Monday**, we will read the book *The Legend of Spookley the Square Pumpkin*. We will paint wooden cubes and create our own Spookleys to bring home to you! We will finish up our pumpkin exploration books too. On **Wednesday**, we will learn a bit about arachnids as we create spiders out of playdough. Did we



make our spider with the correct number of legs? Body appendages? We will also experiment with baking soda and vinegar when we make erupting pumpkins during our STEAM learning time!

On **Friday**, we will have our Halloween Party! We will have games upstairs, make our own snacks and pass out treats to our classmates. Please make sure to read the Halloween Pointers found at the beginning of this newsletter and in the all school newsletter!

