



Preschool One Group

October 2-31, 2017



Unit Theme: Farm Fun

Topics: What Grows on the Farm, Farm Animals & Halloween

Cognitive Development: We will talk about:

- how/where apples grow.
- what grows on the farm, what animals we will find on the farm and who takes care of the farm.
- Halloween, wearing costumes and being safe when trick or treating.

Vocabulary words: grow, seed, core, apple, barn, duck, chick, calf, gourd, Jack-o-Lantern, pulp and Halloween.

Discovery/Science:

- After the pumpkins are delivered, we will talk about shape, color and texture; we will cut open a pumpkin and explore the inside.
- Using a magnifying glass we will look at the inside of an apple. The children will also taste test a variety of apples and decide which one is our favorite.
- Listen to an Animal Sounds CD and have the children identify what animals they hear.

Gross Motor Skills:

- Practice walking across the balance beam.
- Practice riding on the scooters.
- Use wheelbarrows to carry pumpkins on the playground.

Art: Each child will:

- Make handprint apples.
- Make a duck to add to the Big Barn Mural (to be hung in the preschool gym).
- Make a paper plate pumpkin.
- Pick a pumpkin from the Greenhouse pumpkin patch to decorate.

Social/Emotional Development:

- The children will take turns being the room helper (setting the tables, feeding Patches the guinea pig and helping their friends clean up).

Special Events:

- Oct. 12th, 19th & 30th - Matt the Music Man will be here to perform for the children.
- Week of Oct. 16th - the playground will be transformed into a pumpkin patch.
- Oct. 24th & 25th - Barnyard Petting Zoo - a variety of farm animals will be here to feed and pet.
- Oct. 27th - Open House - a Halloween themed event - more information to follow.
- Oct. 31st - Halloween Parade, Preschool One will parade with the rest of the center. *Wear Your Costume.*

Language Development:

Books:

- Ten Red Apples by Pat Hutchins, Up, Up, Up! It's Apple Picking Time by Jody Shapiro, Inside a Barn in the Country by Alyssa Satin Capucilli, The Cow Who Clucked by Denise Fleming, The Biggest Pumpkin Ever by Steven Kroll, Pete the Cat: Five Little Pumpkins and Pete the Cat: Trick or Pete by James Dean and Shake Dem Halloween Bones by W. Nikola-Lisa

Music:

- "Apples and Bananas", "Old MacDonald Had a Farm", "Down on Grandpa's Farm"
- Matt the Music Man's "Funky, Old MacDonald"

Fine Motor Skills:

- Use pumpkin shaped cookie cutters to stamp paint.
- Stencils and rubbing crayons.