



# Preschool Two Group

October 2-31, 2017



## Unit Theme: Farm Fun

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

#### Cognitive Development: We will talk about:

- What is a farm? What happens on a farm? Why are farms important?
- What grows on the farm?
- What animals live on the farm? Why they are important? Talk about the foods they provide for us.
- How do pumpkins grow? Describe how a pumpkin looks and feels inside and out.
- talk about the holiday of Halloween.
- Introduce the letters Ee, Ff, Gg, Hh, Ii, Jj, Kk and Ll.

#### Language Development:

##### Books:

- The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree by Gail Gibbons, Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown, Dooby Dooby Moo! by Doreen Cronin, Too Many Pumpkins by Linda White, The Witch With a Twitch by Layn Harlow, Three Bears Halloween by Kathy Duvall and Harvest Party by Jennifer O'Connell (a book on CD)

##### Music:

- "Old MacDonald Had a Farm", "Down on Grandpa's Farm", "Five Little Pumpkins" and "If Your Scared and You Know It"

#### Fine Motor Skills/Self Help Skills:

- Practice buttoning, zipping and snapping.
- Practice putting on coat and shoes.

#### Social/Emotional Development:

- Pretend play -
  - go apple picking
  - work/shop at a farmers market (dramatic play area will be transformed into a farmers market)

#### Gross Motor Skills:

- Climbing up the rock wall on the playground.
- Using wheelbarrows to move pumpkins around on the playground.

#### Special Events:

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

#### Team Time:

##### Writing Center

- Trace numbers.

##### Math Center

- Using a variety of math games to reinforce concepts.
- Sort farm animals/match baby animals to their mothers.

##### Science Center

- Scales and weights - how heavy is the apple? Use scales to compare different apples/apples to other items.
- Use a variety of science games to reinforce concepts.
- Use a magnifying glass to explore the inside of a carved pumpkin, the inside of an apple, and fall leaves.

##### Art

- Farm Animal Collage.
- Make a cow to add to the Big Barn Mural (to hang in the preschool gym).
- As a group, we will make horses to add to the mural.