

Toddler One Group

October 2-31, 2017



Unit Theme: Farm Fun

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



Cognitive Development:

- Talk about how apples grow on trees and pumpkins grow on vines.
- Talk about different foods that grow on the farm and what foods need to grow (sun, water etc.)
- What animals will we see on the farm?
- Halloween and all the fun things we can do.

Vocabulary words: farm, barn, cow, pig, sheep, rooster, pumpkin, Halloween, costume and Trick or Treat.

Language Development:

Books:

- Apples, Apples by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace, Pumpkins by Melvin Berger, Say Hello on the Farm by Ian Whybrow, Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown, Cock-a-Doodle Doo Barnyard Hullabaloo by Andreae Giles, Five Little Pumpkins by Dan Yaccarino, Go Away Big Green Monster by Ed Emberley and Pete the Cat: Trick or Pete by James Dean
- Pumpkin Time! by Erzsi Deak and Harvest Party! by Jennifer O'Connell (books on CD)

Music:

- "Old MacDonald", "Down on Grandpa's Farm", "Go Away Big Green Monster" and "Itsy Bitsy Spider"

Fine Motor Skills:

- Encourage the children to use a spoon/fork to feed themselves.
- Practice holding a crayon to color.

Gross Motor Skills:

- Balance on one foot.
- On the playground, lift and move pumpkins.

Art: Each child will

- Make a chicken to add to the Big Barn Mural (to hang in the preschool gym).
- As a group, we will make a large rooster for the Big Barn Mural.
- Decorate a vegetable cutout.
- Pick a pumpkin from the Greenhouse Pumpkin Patch to decorate.
- Decorate a Trick or Treat Bag.

Discovery/Science:

- Talk about the color, shape and texture (bumpy, smooth, etc.) of pumpkins.
- Explore the inside of pumpkin and apples.

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, Toddler One will parade with the rest of the center. *Wear Your Costume.*