



Toddler Two Group

October 2-31, 2017

Unit Theme: Farm Fun

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

**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN!**

Cognitive Development: We will:

- Talk about the vegetables and fruits that grow on the farm.
- Introduce the children to animals live on the farm and the sounds they make.
- Talk about pumpkins and Halloween.

Vocabulary words: apple, farm, barn, sheep, scarecrow, pumpkin, Halloween

Discovery/Science:

- After the pumpkins are delivered, we will talk about shape, color and texture; we will cut open the pumpkin and explore the inside.
- We will use a magnifying glass to 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.

Social/Emotional Development:

- Using cards showing different emotions, we will have the children imitate the pictures shown (mad, sad, happy, etc.)

Art: Each child will:

- Decorate an apple and pumpkin cutout.
- Make a sheep to hang on the Big Barn Mural (to be hung in the preschool gym).
- As a group, we will make a large scarecrow to hang on the mural.

Gross Motor Skills:

- While listening to Greg & Steve's CD, "Listen and Move", the children will follow the directions in the song.
- Bean bag toss into a large pig cutout (mouth cutout).

Math Skills:

- Sort and count apples.
- Count pumpkins.

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 Two will parade with the rest of the center. *Wear Your Costume.*

Language Development:

Books:

- I Am An Apple by Jean Marzollo, Little Rabbit's First Farm Book by Alan Baker, Sounds of the Farm by Jenson Gold, Good Morning Farm by Lori Reser, Spooky Boo by Lily Karr and The Pumpkin Man by Judith Moffatt

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:

- We will put toy apples in the water table and have the children use big spoons to scoop them out.
- Use apple, farm animals and pumpkin cookie cutters with playdough.