CITY OF LAFAYETTE
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

KINDER PREP

Session "C"
Date: October 1 - 31 , 2012

Fall Harvest

Leaves are changing and days are getting cooler, pumpkins are turning orange, fall is in the air! We'll explore the United States this month and visit our local fire station on a field trip. We will finish up our month with a fall festival celebration!

Finally Finished!!!

The new surfacing and equipment are installed and the children are enjoying the new space. Be sure to ask your child what they think of these upgrades. If you get the opportunity we also encourage all parents to go out and check it out for yourself as well. It is very bouncy!

Special Points of Interest

- Scholastic Book Orders Due: Friday, Oct. 5th
- Fire Station Field Trip on Monday, Oct.8th & Tuesday, Oct.9th
- No Class: Friday, Oct. 12th , Parent Teacher Conferences - Be sure to sign up with your child's teacher.
- Class Pictures: Monday, Oct. 29th & Tuesday, Oct. 30th
- Preschool Payment Due : Thursday, Nov. 1st

Parent Teacher Communication

If your child will be out sick or not in class for any reason, please let us know. You may contact your teacher, via email at:

Ms. Sue
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Ms. Erin
erin.trickey@cityoflafayette.com
Ms. Lynne
lynne.james@cityoflafayette.com
Ms. Diana
diana.falloon@cityoflafayette.com
Ms. Heather
heather.nelson@cityoflafayette.com

OR you can call the Front Desk @ 303-665-0469 and leave a message.

You may also call or email Karen Snortland at: 303-665-0469 ext 3458, karens@cityoflafayette.com

October Birthdays

Does your child have an October birthday? Great! We are looking forward to celebrating with them! Please let us know, in advance if you will be brining in a special snack for the class to enjoy.

Thank you!

Show & Tell

- Show & Tell is featured on the last day of the week (Thursday for the Tue/Thur class and Friday for the M/W/F class)
- WK #1: Something beginning with the letter "E"
- WK #2: Something beginning with the letter "F"
- WK #3: Something beginning with the letter "G"
- WK #4: Something beginning with the letter "H"
- WK #5: Wear your costume and bring one apple

Tips for a Successful "Hug and Go"

Say goodbye. The simplest of the steps, it's also the hardest to do. But do it you must. Give your child a hug and a kiss, tell them you'll be back soon and then walk out the door. Don't delay, don't give her "one more minute," don't linger, hoping that she'll miraculously start smiling and laughing, happy to go and play with her preschool chums. You've brought her to preschool and now it's time to let her get to the business of being a preschooler.

Trust your child's teacher. Preschool teachers, even newly-minted ones, know kids. They've done this before and have many ways and methods in their bag of tricks to help calm your little one down. From redirecting to a new activity to simply giving your child a hug and offering comfort, preschool teachers are masters at knowing what works and what doesn't when it comes to making kids happy.

How to Manage Preschool Separation Anxiety
By Amanda Rock, About.com Guide

Learning Adventures

Math

- Counting Seeds
- Matching Colored Bats
- Pinecone Pattern
- Pumpkins on the Vine
- Spot the Spots!

Cooking

- Home-Made Applesauce

Songs

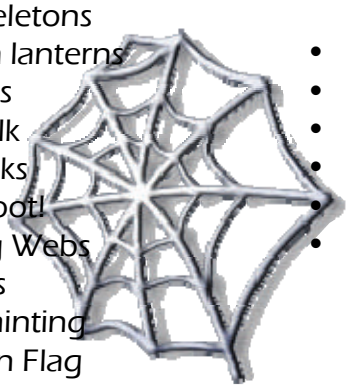
- Boom Chicka Boom
- S-N-A-C-K!
- Spanish Color Song
- Itsy Bitsy Spider
- Five Little Pumpkins

Gross Motor Skills

- Fire Crawl
- Pumpkin Bowling
- Musical Pumpkins
- Frozen Leaves

Art

- Bat feet placemats
- Q-Tip skeletons
- Pumpkin lanterns
- Fire Dogs
- Corn Stalk
- Fire Trucks
- Hoot! Hoot!
- Spinning Webs
- Shadows
- Apple Painting
- American Flag



Literacy

- The Very Busy Spider
- The Fire Cat
- What was I Scared Of?
- Shadows
- Stellaluna
- A Visit to the Fire Station

Fine Motor Skills

- Pumpkin Seed Pick Up
- Q-tip Count
- Spinning Webs
- Corn Husking

Dramatic Play

- Costume Parade!

Poem

Leaves are Turning
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Orange & Brown
Orange & Brown
Leaves are Turning Colors
Leaves are Turning Colors
All Around Town
All Around Town

Science

- Sink or Float?
- Magnetic Attraction

Circle-Time Fun

- We live in the USA!
- How do pumpkins grow?
- What is a spiders job?
- What do firefighters wear?
- Stop, Drop & Roll

Sensory

- Smashing Pumpkins
- Foot Painting
- Washing Apples
- Feely Box