

Monday, October 19, 2026

Dear Parents,

This week will be titled "It's Pumpkin Time" as we focus on pumpkins and Halloween. We will learn the stages of pumpkin growth from seed to pumpkin. We will also explore a cut pumpkin to see the skin, flesh, pulp, and seeds. The children will also discover that a pumpkin is actually a fruit and that all parts of a pumpkin can be eaten other than the stem.

We will begin learning about bats and how many of the bats are very helpful by eating insects. One bat can eat over 600 mosquitos in an hour! The children will learn that bats are mammals and their wings are actually formed by thin membrane webbing between their fingers. We will have fun with Stellaluna, my favorite fruit bat.

In addition, we will be having fun with Halloween. Emphasis will be placed on the fact that there are no real monsters, witches, etc., only people dressed in scary costumes. Vocabulary consists of: gourd, squash, pulp, flesh, nocturnal, mammal, membranes, megabat, and microbat.

Work with letter Ll will be completed as the children print L and l and build words beginning with Ll. The letter Pp will then be introduced as the children print P and p and explore the objects in the Pp tub. They are also busy working in their Journal Alive and doing a variety of letter sheets.

The numeral 6 will be introduced as well as, the rectangle shape. The children will be counting objects thru 6 and sequencing numerals 0-1-2-3-4-5-6. We will also begin simple addition by using dice to combine two sets to see how many altogether. Counting to 25 and using pumpkins to reinforce positions in space will occur.

Phonemic Awareness, as well, as, a variety of word building activities will continue. Mr. Wizard will introduce the color orange as we mix yellow and red to make this new color.



The Book We Read - Reminder- Please help your child pick out a book to read. Then help them to complete the attached "The Book We Read" worksheet and return it sometime throughout the week to share with the class.

Special Day s of the Week:

Tuesday, October 20th - Field trip to Rufener Hilltop Farm

Wednesday, October 19th - Each child is to bring in one picture of a bat.

Thursday, October 20th - **Orange Day**-Each child is to wear something **orange** if possible

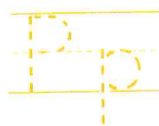
Friday, October 21st - Show-and-Tell

Upcoming Events:

Friday, October 30th - "Halloween Party"- More information to follow.

Thanks a bunch for your awesome support and cooperation!

Mary Jane
and
Barb



HISTORY



The Book We Read



The name of my book is: _____

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