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DURANT ROAD PRESCHOOL

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Vivian counting tree rings

Preschool Investigative Study: Trees

During October, we will begin our investigative study of trees. We start out each investigation with A Question of the Day. What do we know about trees? What do we want to find out? We'll learn about the characteristics of trees in our community, who lives in trees, what food comes from trees, who takes care of trees, how trees change and what we can do with parts of trees. We have chosen the following books for our investigation; Leaf Man, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, Red Leaf Yellow Leaf, Leaves, The Little Yellow Leaf, The Apple Pie Tree, One More Acorn, This Tree Counts and The Busy Little Squirrel. Each book has a series of discussion questions the children will enjoy talking about.

At the end of the month, our children will participate in our annual pumpkin investigations. Using yarn, we'll measure the circumference of pumpkins, weigh them and paint them. What is inside of a

pumpkin? Does a pumpkin float or sink in water? We'll find out!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



- 5 Pinecone Painting- Toddlers/Twos
- 7 Fall Collages-Preschoolers
- 12 Wear Fall Colors-Preschoolers
- 19 Pumpkin Investigations-Preschoolers
- 20 Apple&Gourd Investigations-Toddlers/Twos
- 26 Hallway Dance Party-Preschoolers
- 28 Pumpkin Hop-Toddlers/Twos
- 28 Warm Cider & Donuts (for parents in the am)
- 29 Fall Celebrations-all classrooms-*see ease!*

FITNESS FRIDAYS

- 1 Body Part Balance
- 8 Follow the Leader
- 15 Stepping Stones
- 22 Up & Away
- 29 Jumping Rope

Our Specials

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Math Lesson	Literacy Lesson	Music & Movement Class	Spanish Class	Math Lesson



Nora and Lauren sorting leaves by color

Infants and Toddlers

The cool weather of fall brings many changes. Toddlers have lots of fun exploring and touching leaves, pumpkins, gourds, and apples. For toddlers, the activities with leaves provide chances to sort, compare, and add new words to their vocabularies.

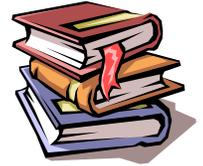
Apples are included in the diet of many infants and toddlers. Our children will have opportunities to see, taste, touch and smell apples in many forms, and toddlers will be exposed to the many different colors, sizes, and shapes of apples.

Pumpkins and gourds are everywhere in the fall. Our children will learn about the colors and shapes of pumpkins and gourds, and how they feel. These activities with pumpkins and gourds will help toddlers develop additional language skills.

Be on the lookout for nature collages, pumpkin and apple investigations, fall pictures, and discovering seeds...just to mention a few of our planned fall activities!

Book of the Month

This month our preschoolers will enjoy reading ***Pumpkin Circle: The Story of a Garden*** by George Levenson. Through very colorful photographs, this book shows the life of a pumpkin from seed, into a plant, to a pumpkin, jack-o-lantern, and back to seed again. The pictures are detailed and the story simple enough to keep little ones interested while giving a great explanation about the circle of pumpkin life.



MUSIC

How does a maraca sound happy or a tambourine sound sad? Our children will explore new ways to use rhythm instruments as they make sounds to express feelings. We'll also learn some new autumn songs and finger plays and the accompanying sign language.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Landon Connor Maraden
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SPANISH

Feliz el otono! That means Happy Autumn! This month we will learn autumn words such as: apples-las manzana, leaves-las hojas, pumpkins-calabaza