

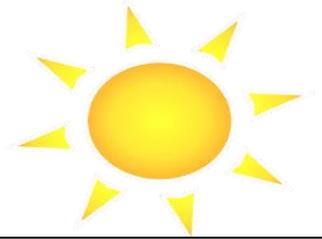


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Halloween Safety

Kids say the funniest things.....

The Theme for October is Fall and Fall Festivities. The Preschool Teachers were discussing what the students were going to dress up as for Halloween.

- “Ralphy, he’s a Ninja Turtle”
- “Molly, from Bubble Guppies”
- “Ghostbuster”
- “Bat-girl”
- “Black Spider Man”
- “Ninja Lego”

BEFORE HALLOWEEN:

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- Secure emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within Halloween attire or on a bracelet.
- Masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic and hypoallergenic makeup or a decorative hat as a safe alternative.
- When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories purchase only those with a label indicating they are flame resistant. .
- Teach children their home phone number and to how call 9-1-1
- Take extra effort to eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkway.

Upcoming Events

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- Oct. 6, 2016 -Mad Hatter Day
Crazy Hat Day
- Oct. 26, 2016 -Pumpkin Carving
- Oct. 31, 2016 - Halloween Parties

CCSD School Closing Schedule

- Oct. 28, 2016 - Nevada Day
- Nov. 8, 2016 - No School
- Nov. 11, 2016 - Veterans Day



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This Months Curriculum Themes

It's Fall and October's monthly curriculum theme is Fall and Fall Festivities. The classrooms will be welcoming autumn by celebrating harvest time and the changing foliage. Classrooms will discuss the change of seasons and what is different in our environment when seasons change, for example, temperature/ weather changes, change in foliage, shorter days, etc. They will also learn that fall is a time for harvest and learn about various fruits and vegetables that are harvested during this time. Activities will include leaf rubbings, leaf paintings, and making scarecrows and pumpkins.

Children will also engage in Fall Festivities such as Halloween. Children will learn about Halloween safety. The classrooms will carve a pumpkin and create their own Jack-o-Lanterns. Art activities will focus on Halloween. On Halloween, classrooms will host parties and parades for the children to dress up and partake in trick or treating.

In the fall unit, children will learn new vocabulary words such as autumn, foliage, harvest, and scarecrow. In the fall festivities unit, vocabulary will include Halloween, costumes, jack-o-lanterns and candy apples. They will play games, read stories and sing songs to help them learn more information about the theme.

Please review the monthly center activity calendar. We have a number of special events and activities this month.

Halloween Candy Bark



What You'll Need:

- 1 pound vanilla candy bark, candy melts, or white chocolate
 - mini pretzel twists
 - chocolate sandwich cookies with orange filling
 - candy corn and additional candies of your choice
 - assorted sprinkles
1. Prepare a baking sheet by lining it with parchment paper; set aside. Chop or break any larger candies, cookies, or pretzels; set aside.
 2. Melt the vanilla candy bark (or white chocolate) as directed on package. If heating in the microwave, use 50% power to prevent overheating the candy/chocolate. Pour about half of the melted chocolate onto the lined baking sheet, then spread about 1/4 inch thick.
 3. Working quickly, add an assortment of pretzels, cookie pieces, and candy corn (or other candies) in a single layer.
 4. Pour the remaining melted chocolate on top of the pretzels and cookies. Then add additional toppings, including sprinkles. Set aside and allow the chocolate to cool fully. You can place the entire baking sheet in the freezer for 10 minutes to speed up the process.
 5. Once the chocolate is fully set and cool, break the candy bark into pieces. Store Halloween Candy Bark in an airtight container for up to a week.

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WHEN TRICK-OR-TREATING:

- A Parent or responsible Adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- Remind Trick-or-Treaters:
- Stay in a group, walk slowly and communicate where you are going.
- Only trick-or-treat in well-known neighborhoods at homes that have a porch light on.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk. If no sidewalk is available, walk at the farthest edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.
- Always walk. Never run across a street.
- Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks
- Remove any mask or item that will limit eyesight before crossing a street, driveway or alley.
- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will.

AFTER TRICK-OR-TREATING:

- Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. Though tampering is rare, an adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.



Happy Halloween

On Monday, October 31st classrooms will host their own Halloween party. In addition, children may wear their costumes. Please ensure that costumes are easy to take off for children and staff. Also, ensure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping. **Please do not bring masks or weapons!**

Sign up with your classroom teacher to bring a snack to assist with the party.

Watch Me Grow hopes that you have a safe and happy Halloween!

Inspirational quote.....

“Parenthood...It's about guiding the next generation, and forgiving the last.”

— Peter Krause