



Crayons 2 Pencils Preschool

Month- October 2010

Class: Toddler Time Class

Tue/ Thur 8:00 – 10:00

What to expect this month

Songs of the month: “Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate” and “The Itsy bitsy spider”.

Reminder: Show and tell is every Thursday – Children can bring any toy for show and tell

Week # 5 October 4th – 8th

Theme: Mr. Pumpkin

This week is all about pumpkins! We are going to cut open a pumpkin and find all the slimy seeds. We are going to decorate pumpkins by using triangle shapes to make the face. We are going to learn our new song so we can sing it to you at our Halloween party this month.

Week # 6 October 11th – 15th

Important: There will be no Class on Monday due to Norwalk Schools being closed

Theme: Flying ghosts

We are going to make ghost out of suckers and Kleenexes. We are going to talk about costumes and how they are only pretend and not real. The kids will enjoy sharing about what their costumes are going to be for Halloween.

This is the week of our Halloween Party at the Pumpkin Patch.

Our Party will be **Friday October 15th**. We will be meeting at the Howells pumpkin patch between **4:00 and 4:15**. If you would like to follow me there please meet at Crayons 2 Pencils Preschool by 3:30pm. **Children can wear their costumes to the pumpkin patch.** The cost is \$5.00 per child and \$4.00 per adult.

We will get to ride the hay rack ride, pick out a small pumpkin, Feed the animals, have a snack and have fun at the Kiddie Korral! Inside the Korral, the Kids can "swim" and play in the special Corn Bin play box, climb the kid-sized haystacks, and explore the playground and giant tube slide. Each child will also get their very own coloring book and crayons to take home. This is a family fun Halloween party and we hope to see you there.

I have attached a signup sheet, please return-

Week # 7 October 18th – 22nd

Theme: Spiders

We are going to talk about the color black this week. We are going to talk about how spiders crawl up walls and we will enjoy making a spider to hang from the ceiling. We will have fun with the classic Nursery rhyme of “The itsy bitsy spider”. We are going to roll a marble around our paper that has been dipped in black paint to make a spider web.



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Week # 8 October 25th – 29th

Theme: A Witches Hat

This week we are going to paint a witch's hat black and purple. We are going to then add glitter to the hat to make it sparkle. For a take home treat, we are going to make Witches hat using Oreos, orange frosting and a Hershey kiss candy. We are going to talk about Halloween and we are going to practice going trick or treating in class.



Reminders/ Items needed

- Show and Tell every Thursday:
- Please fill out and return your form for our Trip to the pumpkin patch.

Special dates to remember

- Show and Tell every Thursday
- Mid month payments are due on the 15th of the month

Birthday Chart



Bella Seely October 4th

Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is an exciting time of year for kids, and to help ensure they have a safe holiday, here are some tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

ALL DRESSED UP:

- 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.
- Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives. Hats should fit properly to prevent them from sliding over eyes.
- When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories look for and purchase those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant.
- If a sword, cane, or stick is a part of your child's costume, make sure it is not sharp or too long. A child may be easily hurt by these accessories if he stumbles or trips.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- Teach children how to call 9-1-1 (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost.



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Our Annual Halloween Party at the Pumpkin Patch

Friday October 15th to anyone who is interested, we will be taking our annual family field trip to Howells pumpkin patch. Each family that would like to attend should meet us there between 4:00 – 4:15. If you would like to follow us, please be at my house by 3:30 pm. You are welcome to bring siblings. It will be a blast!

Each tour includes:

- Wagon Ride to the Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze
- Each Child Picks Their Own Small Pumpkin
- Food to Feed the Animals
- A Farm Goodie Bag (Coloring Book, Pencil, Crayons, Juice Box)
- Access to the Kiddie Korral (pedal tractors, wiggle cars, corn box, straw maze, horse swings, teeter totters, slides, bunny farm & photo opportunities)

Tours are \$5 per child. Extra adults are asked to purchase a \$4.00 wristband for the wagon ride. Siblings pay \$5 to participate in everything.

Let me know if you are interested in going with us. You can follow me out there or Meet us there. Let me know so I can plan ahead as reservations are required.

Here is my cell phone number in case you are running late or lost or changed your mind: Jill Larsen
515.306.8722

Kids can wear their costumes!

Howell's Pumpkin Patch
3145 Howell Court
Cumming, Iowa 50061
515-981-0863

Turn in bottom portion of form to Jill by Tuesday October 12th so I can make reservations:

I will be attending with my child _____ to Howells Pumpkin patch.

____ I will meet at your house and follow you _____ I will meet you at Howells Pumpkin Patch

I am bringing _____ siblings: Their names are: _____

_____ # of adults coming (feel free to bring grandparents if you would like)

OR: My child _____ and I will not be able to attend



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Five Little Pumpkins



Five little pumpkins, sitting on a gate.

The first one said, "Oh, my it's getting late!"

The second one said, "There are witches in the air!"

The third one said, "But we don't care!"

The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run!"

The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun!"

Ooooo went the wind, and out went the lights,

And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight

Parent Time: Tips and Tricks

New to Crayons 2 Pencils Preschool this year will be a Parent night. This is a time when parents can come together and learn tips and tricks to working with their young children. I want to know what you are interested in knowing more about. Place an X below on any areas you would like more advice on. Cut this section out and send to class. Training session has not been scheduled yet.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bedtime Routine | <input type="checkbox"/> Blended Families/Step Families |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How to say No and Mean it | <input type="checkbox"/> Temper tantrums |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meal Time | <input type="checkbox"/> Affective Time Outs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rules and Follow through | <input type="checkbox"/> Power Struggles – My child thinks they are in charge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Setting Boundaries | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |



WHEN THEY CAN'T DECIDE WHAT THEY WANT,
THEY NEED A NAP.