

October Curriculum

Our themes for the month of October include fall, the farm and Halloween. We will be learning all about fall and the changing seasons, why farming and farm animals are important to our lives, as well as who takes care of farm animals/plants.

We will be discussing Halloween/ safety and work on learning letters E - G, the number 2 and the color orange.

Fall Fundraiser

We just wrapped up our fall fundraiser which was a big success thanks to all of you! Thank you everyone for participating from catalog orders to direct donations! We are so grateful for your support!

We want to send a special shout out to some of our top supporters for our fall fundraiser!



Ayva De Jesus

Hunter Corkery

George Maita

Scarlet Sexton

Parker Jones

Alia Jhaveri

Elissa Alvarez

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Pumpkin Patch

On Wednesday, October 4th each classroom will have their own designated time to go out to our "Storyland Pumpkin Patch" on our play yard where each child will be able to pick their own pumpkin to take home. If you would like to volunteer to bring in a festive treat for your child's class, please reach out to your child's teacher(s) to coordinate.

If your child does not attend on Wednesdays, he/she can pick out a pumpkin on Thursday or Friday of that week.



Picture Days

Picture day for Little Stars, Little Monkeys and Little Owls classes will be Tuesday, October 17th at 9:00 am. If your student does not attend school on Tuesdays, he/she can take their portrait on Wednesday.

The Sunshine and Bay Room's picture day is Wednesday, October 18th beginning at 9:00 am. If your child does not attend school on Wednesdays, he/she may take their portrait on Tuesday.

We will send home Picture Order Envelopes as soon as they arrive.



Halloween Carnival

On Tuesday, October 31st we will have our Halloween Carnival. Students are encouraged to come to school in their Halloween costume but please bring a change of clothes that they can switch into after our party. The carnival will take place during morning class time. We will have games, prizes, music and a photo booth!

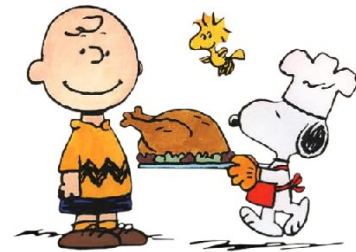
If you would like to bring in a special holiday treat for your child's classroom party please contact your child's teacher so that they can plan accordingly.

We will be sending out a digital sign-up sheet through Sign-Up Genius for anyone who would like to donate non-candy "trick-or-treat" items to our carnival. These items will be distributed to students as they visit each station during the carnival.

Upcoming Events

November:

- Canned Food Drive from November 1-10th
- Thanksgiving Lunch- Tuesday, November 21st
- Storyland closed for Thanksgiving- November 23rd & 24th



December:

- Christmas Party- Friday, December 8th
- Storyland will be closed Friday, December 22nd for Teacher Work Day
- Storyland will be closed December 25th through January 1st for Winter Break.



Reminders

- Please sign your child in and out everyday. Do not let your child touch the sign-in screen.
- To provide your child with a sense of comfort and security please keep to a regular drop-off schedule, **before 9:00 am**. Late arrivals also cause interruptions to our program and cause your child to miss important class time learning.
- Please label all of your child's belongings such as jackets, sweaters, lunchboxes, sheets/blankets and pillow cases.
- Check your child's file folder daily for their art and school work, as well as any paperwork or important notices from teachers or administration.
- Storyland closes at 6:00 pm. There is a late charge of \$1 per minute after 6:00 pm. The late fee is payable to the closing teacher at that time.
- If you love Storyland School, please share your experience at Yelp.com or you can go directly to <http://www.yelp.com/biz/storyland-preschool-livermore>

Happy Birthday!

Bryson Graf	10/6
Cynthia Morales	10/17
Benjamin Lash	10/18
Mina Abigail Yi	10/23
Presley Fahnhorst	10/27
Christopher Randolph	10/27
Alia Jhaveri	10/30





Parent Center

Help your Preschooler Gain Self-Control

When asked about school readiness skills, many teachers say children who succeed in kindergarten know when and how to control their impulses. They can follow through when a task is difficult and listen to directions for a few minutes. These skills are linked to self-control. Children can develop them at preschool and at home. Here are a few ways families can help children learn self-control.

Finish what you are doing, then respond to requests for attention. For example, if you are on the phone and your child asks for something (and it's not an emergency), let her know you need to take time to complete your conversation. This is a good way to let your child practice waiting for a short time.

Change the rules of a game to make it an opposite game. For example, instead of playing the familiar version of Simon Says, play Simon Doesn't Say. Explain the new rule in words and actions: "Do the opposite of what Simon asks you to do. If Simon Says 'Touch your head,' you should touch your toes." Be sure to demonstrate how this works. Keep directions simple. Take turns being Simon.

Do activities together that require following directions. For example, put together a model, play follow the leader, or cook or bake: "I'm going to read the recipe aloud. Listen carefully so we will both know what to do. I'll read them again as we do each step."

Help children understand how long they will have to wait for something and suggest activities to do while they wait. Say to your child, "Grammy and Grampy are coming over before dinner. Would you like to draw some pictures to give them?" or "As soon as I put your sister to bed, I will read you some stories. You can choose three books for us to read together."

Work with your child to complete a puzzle that has a few more pieces than he or she is used to. Set up the puzzle in a place where you can work on it for several days, if needed. Celebrate together when one of you puts the last piece in place.

Plant some easy-to-grow marigold seeds in a pot or in a garden. Check together every day until the plants pop up. Over time, watch the plant grow leaves and flowers.



<http://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/child-development/help-your-preschooler-gain-self-control#sthash.t3j5zl41.dpuf>

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