



## HARVEST FESTIVAL:

**COME JOIN THE FUN**

When: October 31st

Time: 9:30-11:30

Where: School playground

Attire: Regular school clothes

-NO COSTUMES-

***We still need volunteers for the day of the festival.***

Please sign up with your child's teacher if you can help!

No lunch needed-  
**PIZZA DAY**



*You are cordially invited to  
New Horizons' Open House*

*Date: Tuesday, October 11th*

*Time: 6:00pm - 7:00 pm*

*For: Infants, One year Olds*

*Two Year Olds, & Three Year Old Classes*

*We encourage all our parents to attend this  
Open House with their child*

*After you have visited your child's classroom, please join us  
outside for an evening of socializing with other parents as  
well as enjoying some cookies and Café Getaway-*

*They offer Iced, Frozen & Hot Brews*

*Prices starting at \$2.00 & up.*

*At 6:30 we will be having a small dedication  
ceremony by the butterfly garden in  
Memory of Lawson Whitaker*



## OCTOBER'S THEME

Our units on safety, day and night, and the five senses leads us to Halloween at the close of the month.

As all of you know, New Horizons has sharpened its focus on what is truly meaningful in your children's educational experience, particularly as we head into the excitement and commercial hype of the upcoming holiday season.

Instead of dressing up in costumes, eating prepared refreshments, and forfeiting the structure of our day, we believe your children will gain much more by extending our normal classroom routines and center activities to include holiday traditions. Halloween week your children will be creating orange and black decorations in the art center, counting pumpkin seeds in the math center, discovering bats, owls, and the growth of pumpkins in science, singing Halloween songs, hearing Halloween stories, and reciting Halloween poems to promote their language development.

We believe these child-centered activities will be loads of fun without losing sight of our educational goals.



## FOCUS ON FUNDAMENTALS

Make-believe play is not only one of the great joys of childhood, it also offers abundant opportunities for a child's development. Children develop interpersonal skills, particularly cooperation and conflict resolutions, and improve their language and problem-solving abilities in pretend play.

Another plus is that children use language more frequently and more elaborately in make-believe play than they do in virtually any other activity. Providing a home environment that is conducive to play stimulates intellectual and social development. At the same time, parents will be developing rich memories that will last a lifetime.

Around the age of 2, children begin to pretend cry, sleep and eat. They soon include a stuffed animal, doll or favorite toy in their play. They also begin to transform object into symbols – a simple block becomes a fast race car or a stick makes a fine race horse.

Around the age of 3, children begin participating in make-believe play with other kids. These first dramatic experiences often focuses on home experiences. Kids pretend to cook, clean and care for younger children.

As your child reaches 4 & 5 dramatic play gradually becomes more elaborate and complex. In dramatic play our 4's & 5's have an opportunity to rehearse adult roles. Such play helps children make sense of the world.