



# NEW HORIZONS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

## THREE'S OCTOBER MONTHLY CALENDAR

**FINE MOTOR:** During the month of October your child will be working on their fine motor skills by cutting, folding paper, stacking 8 cubes, gluing and painting on an easel.

**LANGUAGE:** Language development will include story time. We will be introducing Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes all month. The children will continue to work on name recognition. As a pre reading skill we will be observing your child's ability with 5 piece puzzles. At this time we will also be observing your child's ability to follow a 2 step direction, follow verbal commands, positional words and memory recall. The colors this month will be orange, black, red & yellow.

**MATHEMATICS:** Our math skills will involve counting 1-10 as well as one to one correspondence using up to ten objects and sorting objects. We will be weighing, counting and sorting different objects. Your child will also be introduced to the ordinal numbers 1st, 2nd, 3rd. We will continue to review shapes emphasizing the shapes circle, square and oval.

**SOCIAL/SCIENCE:** The students will continue to work on Life Skills – hand washing, cleaning up our classroom, and reviewing classroom rules. October is the perfect month to learn about nocturnal animals and their habitats and discussing opposites. The class will also be covering The Five Senses – sight, smell, touch, taste and feel.

WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL.  
PLEASE LET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP.



# THREE'S OCTOBER

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Letter F: Fire Safety,</b> One to One Correspondences, 911 - Smell & Touch Color - Red Shape - Square 	3  Dance	4  Gymnastics	5	6  Happy Feet	7
<b>Letter L – Falling into Fall</b> Colors– Orange & Yellow Shape - Triangle 	10  Dance	11 Open House 6:00-7:00pm Gymnastics 	12	13  Happy Feet	14
<b>Letter N - Nocturnal</b> Animals, Opposites, Sight & Hearing Color - Black Shape - Oval 	17  Dance	18  Gymnastics	19   Individual Student Pictures	20  PIZZA DAY   Happy Feet	21 
<b>Letter P &amp; J–</b> Plentiful Pumpkins Color-Orange Shape-Circle 	24  Dance	25   Gymnastics	26	27  Happy Feet	28 Classroom Snack Wear Your Favorite Halloween Shirt
<b>Letter M</b> <b>Mother Goose on the Loose</b> 	31 Harvest Festival 9:30-11:30 Wear your favorite Halloween shirt  PIZZA DAY Dance 				

### HARVEST FESTIVAL:



**COME JOIN THE FUN**

When: October 31st

Time: 9:30-11:30

Where: School playground

Attire: Your favorite Halloween shirt

-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.

**PLEASE NO GOODY BAGS OR TRICK OR TREAT ITEMS.**

### 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.