



NEW HORIZONS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL INFANT/TODDLER'S ROOM OCTOBER MONTHLY CALENDAR

FINE MOTOR/GROSS MOTOR: During the month of October your child will be working on their fine motor skills by stacking cubes, gluing, painting at the easel, dressing themselves, using utensils, and removing their shoes. The children will practice walking on a line and sitting at a table.

LANGUAGE: Language development will include story time. We will be observing your child's ability with 3 piece puzzles. At this time we will also be observing your child's ability to follow a 1 step direction and follow verbal commands.

MATHEMATICS: Our math skills will involve counting 1-5. The shapes of the month are the square, star, oval and the circle.

SOCIAL/SCIENCE: The students will continue to work on their Life Skills – hand washing and cleaning up our classroom. The children will be introduced to our five senses – and what they do – sight, taste, hear, touch and smell.

We are requesting each child bring in a small pumpkin (gourd) to paint or decorate.
For safety reasons our Infant and Toddlers will have their own Harvest Festival on their playground.

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



INFANT/TODDLERS - OCTOBER

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fire Safety 911 Touch/Smell Color - Red Shape - Square 	1	2	3	4	5
Fairy Tales Color - Blue Shape - Star	8	9	10	11	12
Fairy Tales 	15	16	17  Individual Picture Day	18  Pizza Day! <i>Pizza Shirt</i>	19
Nocturnal Animals Opposites-Sight/Hearing Color - Black Shape - Oval 	22	23	24	25	26
Jack-o-lantern Jamboree Color - Orange Shape - Circle 	29	30 Special Snack Wear your Favorite Halloween Shirt 	31 Harvest Festival 9:30 - 11:30 <i>Pizza will be provided for lunch</i> 		



HARVEST FESTIVAL: COME JOIN THE FUN

When: October 31st

Time: 9:30-11:30

Where: Toddler playground

Attire: Wear your favorite Halloween Shirt

-NO COSTUMES-

Pizza will be provided for lunch

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

Please let your child's teacher know if you can help!



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.