



NEW HORIZONS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

TWO'S OCTOBER MONTHLY CALENDAR

FINE 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 and trying to put on their shoes.

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 and follow verbal commands and positional words.

MATHEMATICS: Our math skills will involve counting 1-5 as well as one to one correspondence using up to five objects and sorting objects. We will be weighing, counting and sorting different objects. The shapes of the month are oval and circle.

SOCIAL/SCIENCE: The students will continue to work on their Life Skills – hand washing, cleaning up our classroom, and reviewing classroom rules. As part of our Fairy Tale theme we will be emphasizing table manners in our housekeeping area, setting the table and practicing serving pretend food to our friends. We will have a visit from the fire department and see a real fire truck.

If you would like to donate a pumpkin for your child's class to carve please see your child's teacher. We also are requesting gourds for each class to weigh, count and sort.

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



TWO'S OCTOBER



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Colors – orange, yellow, red, black Shapes - circle-oval	Numbers - 1, 2 Opposites – sight, smell, taste touch				
Fairy Tales, Nursery Rhymes & Fables Table manners, touch - hard & soft			1	2 Happy Feet	3 Scholastic Book Orders due
Fairy Tales, Nursery Rhymes & Fables Table manners, touch - hard & soft	6 Webby Dance	7	8 Open House & Ice Cream Social 6:30pm-7:30 pm	9 Happy Feet	10
Fire Safety Red – Yellow - Smell	13 Webby Dance	14	15 Individual Student Pictures	16 Pizza Day. Wear your green NH t-shirt Happy Feet	17
Nocturnal animals opposites Sight/hearing	20 Webby Dance	21	22	23 Happy Feet	24
Jack-o-Lantern Jamboree Taste – sweet & sour 	27 Webby Dance	28	29	30 Happy Feet	31 Harvest Festival 9:30-11:30 Wear your favorite Halloween shirt



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 contact Lauren by email
newhorizonsofc@tampabay.rr.com. Or call



*You are cordially invited to
New Horizons' Open House
&
Ice cream Social*

Date: Wednesday, October 8th

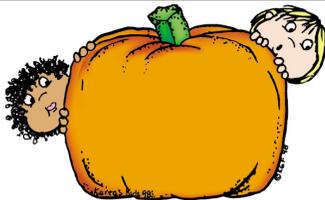
Time: 6:30pm—7:30 pm

For: Infant, 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 in your child to join us outside for an
evening of socializing with other parents as well as enjoying a
bowl of ice cream with all the toppings*



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.