



NEW HORIZONS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

HALF DAY VPK PRE KINDERGARTEN 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 cubes, gluing, easel painting, writing their name and tracing shape insets.



LANGUAGE: Language development will include story time. 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 following verbal commands and positional words. The last week of October the class will be introduced to different Fairy Tales and even act them out.

MATHEMATICS: Our math skills will involve counting 1-20 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 match numbers to a set, work on ordinal #'s 1 through 5, patterning and predicting. The students will be practicing word problems as well as addition and subtraction problems.

SOCIAL/SCIENCE: As part of our Five Senses theme we will be using our five senses. The month of October is the perfect month to learn about nocturnal animals and their habitats. Our students will also be talking about fire safety. In science we will be learning why the leaves fall from the trees and why they change color.

If you would like to donate a pumpkin for your child's class to carve, please see your child's teacher. We are also 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.

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 Letter F - Fire Safety Red-Yellow-Orange, One to One Correspondence Rhyming, Smell & Touch	3 Dance	4 gymnastics	5	6 Happy Feet	7
Letter L -Falling into Fall 	10 Dance	11 Preschool Open House 6:30pm-7:30pm 	12  Non VPK Day School closed	13 Happy Feet	14
Letter N: Nocturnal Animals, Ordinal #'s, One to One Correspondence, Rhyming, Sight & Hearing 	17 Dance	18 Gymnastic	19  Individual Student Pictures VPK students	20  Pizza Day & Skating Wear your green NH t-shirt   Happy Feet	21
Letter P - Plentiful Pumpkins 	24 Dance	25 Gymnastic	26	27 Happy Feet	28 Special Snack Wear your favorite Halloween Shirt 
Letter M Mother Goose on the Loose 	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: 6:30pm-7:30pm

For: VPK Pre Kindergarten Students

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 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.