



NEW HORIZONS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

HALF DAY FREE VPK PRE KINDERGARTEN



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.

**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.**



OCTOBER

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 Letter F - Fire Safety Red-Yellow-Orange One to One Correspondence, Rhyming, Smell & Touch	1	2 Gymnastics	3	4 Happy Feet	5 Dance
Letter K: Fairy Tales 	8	9 Gymnastics	10	11 Happy Feet	12 Dance
Letter Q: Fairy Tales 	15 SCHOOL CLOSED NON VPK DAY	16  Individual Student Pictures Gymnastics	17	18 Pizza Day & Skating Wear your green NH t-shirt    Happy Feet	19 Dance
Letter N:  Nocturnal Animals, Ordinal #'s, One to One Correspondence, Rhyming, Sight & Hearing	22	23 Gymnastics	24 OPEN HOUSE 6-7pm 	25 Happy Feet	26 Dance
Letter J- Jack-o-Lantern Jamboree 	29	30 Special Snack Wear Your Favorite Halloween Shirt  Gymnastics	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: 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!



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.