



# 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 square, star, 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.

*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
Fire Safety 911 Color - Red Shape - Square 	1	2	3	4  Happy Feet	5  Dance
Fairy Tales Color - Blue Shape - Star	8	9	10	11  Happy Feet	12  Dance
Fairy Tales 	15	16	17  Individual Student Pictures	18 Pizza Day Pizza Shirt  Happy Feet	19  Dance
Nocturnal Animals Opposites Sight/Hearing Color - Black Shape - Oval 	22	23	24  <b>OPEN HOUSE</b> <b>6-7pm</b>	25  Happy Feet	26  Dance
Jack-o-Lantern Jamboree Color - Orange Shape - Circle 	29	30 Classroom Snack Wear your Favorite Halloween Shirt 	31 Harvest Festival 9:30 - 11:30 Pizza will be provided for lunch 		



## **HARVEST FESTIVAL:** ***COME JOIN THE FUN***

When: October 31st

Time: 9:30-11:30

Where: School playground

Attire: wear 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***



## **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.