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DEAR KIDSCO JR. FAMILIES:

October brings so many exciting themes, activities, and opportunities for learning at KidsCo Jr.! This month, we will be celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, Fall Fun, and all things pumpkins! Our classrooms will be filled with engaging, age-appropriate activities that allow the children to explore these themes through hands-on experiences, creativity, and learning.

Our graduating class will also be heading out on a special field trip to the pumpkin patch, and we are so excited for them to enjoy this fun fall adventure! We will also be hosting a Fall Festival in aftercare, giving them the opportunity to celebrate the season with friends and teachers. We'll wrap up the month with a festive Halloween Party and a special treat for the children to enjoy.

As always, we encourage families to check Daily Connect each day, as important information, reminders, and details about upcoming events will be posted there first.

We are looking forward to a wonderful October filled with learning, laughter, seasonal fun, and lots of special memories!

Happy Fall, everyone!

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REMINDER:

As lunch boxes, water bottles, and baby bottles come in, and soon extra layers for the cooler mornings, please label your little ones' belongings. This helps to avoid mix-ups. Thank you for your continued support!

OUTING IN THE CITY:



Halloween Eye Spy Trains at Cabin John Regional Park
This October, take a Halloween-themed ride aboard the miniature trains. Each ride is given an "Eye Spy" card with seasonal items such as pumpkins.

BIRTHDAYS:

9/4-Brooklyn
9/22-Denym
9/23-Jordyn
9/25-Gianna
9/27-Oliver
9/28-Parker
9/29-Xavier

SAVE THE DATE:

Graduating Class Field Trip:
Friday, October 16th

Fall Festival: October 22nd

Halloween Spirit Week: Oct
26th-30th

Halloween Party: Friday,
October 30th

SNEAK PEEK INTO NOVEMBER

9/3-CLOSED at 3 PM: Staff in-
service day

9/16-9/20: Parent-teacher
conferences.

9/26-9/27: Closed for
Thanksgiving Holiday



October



PURPLE ROOM



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Hi Purple Room, as we head into October, we'll have a lot of fall fun ahead, learning about fall, farms, scarecrows, and Pumpkins. Here are some of the activities we will be doing:

- Week 1: Fall**–Leaf handprints
- Week 2: Farm**– Old MacDonald farm sensory
- Week 3: Scarecrow**–Scarecrow craft
- Week 4: Pumpkins**–Pumpkin exploration

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Hello Orange Room Parents! We are excited for the month ahead and everything that we are going to learn! In October, we will be learning about Fall, Pumpkins, scarecrows, and Halloween! Here are some of the activities we have planned for this month:

- Week 1: Fall/Apples**– Cotton Ball Fall Tree
- Week 2: Pumpkins**– Paper Plate Pumpkins
- Week 3: Scarecrows**– Paper Bag Scarecrows
- Week 4: Halloween**– Puffy Ghost Craft

ORANGE ROOM



BLUE ROOM



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Hello Blue Room Families!
Throughout October, we'll be exploring fun and engaging new themes that celebrate the season. Our weekly themes will include Fall, Pumpkins, Farm, and Halloween—perfect for this time of year! Here's a peek at what's coming up each week:

- Week 1: Fall**– Leaf Stamping
- Week 2: Pumpkins** – Opening up Pumpkins
- Week 3: Farm** – Farmers Market Dramatic Play
- Week 4: Halloween** – Our Classroom Halloween Party!

We can't wait to learn, create, and celebrate this festive season with all of our Blue Room friends!



October



GREEN ROOM

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Hello Green Room Families! This month we will be exploring Trees, Apples, Farms, and Pumpkins, and we have so many fun activities planned to keep our friends moving, grooving, and growing every single week!

Week 1 : Trees: We will be discovering how trees change through the seasons.

Week 2: Apples: We will explore different kinds of apples, where they grow, and what makes each one special.

Week 3: Farm: We will learn about life on a farm and the hard work that goes into it.

Week 4 : Pumpkins: We will be diving into the life cycle of a pumpkin.



GREY ROOM

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This month, we are excited to begin our Tree Study! Throughout October, we will explore different types of trees, how they change in the fall, and some of the wonderful things they provide. We will also include some fun seasonal themes and activities!

Week 1: Fall Trees – Tree Investigation–The children will become little scientists as they investigate trees, leaves, bark, branches, and the changes we notice during the fall season

Week 2: Apple Trees – Apple Pie Cooking Activity–We will explore how apples grow on trees, investigate the different parts of an apple, and finish our study with a delicious apple pie cooking activity!

Week 3: All About Pumpkins – Pumpkin Investigation–The children will explore pumpkins inside and out! We will investigate their size, shape, texture, seeds, and other characteristics through hands-on learning.

Week 4: Halloween Week – Halloween Celebration–We will wrap up our month with a fun-filled Halloween week featuring festive activities, crafts, games, and our Grey Room Halloween Party!