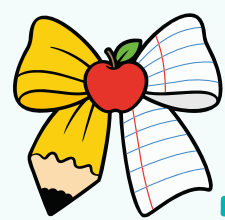


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Hello KidsCo Jr. Fallsmead Families,

Fall is officially here and we are so excited for all the fun, learning, and exploration October will bring! I am looking forward to a month of making memories and sharing special moments with your little one. Look below for a few reminders for the month of October.

Say Cheese—Picture Day is **Tuesday, October 20th**! Come dressed with your brightest smile as we capture those sweet little faces. Please fill out the form sent home so that we can make sure your little one is all set for pictures.

On-Site Pumpkin Patch – **Thursday, October 22nd**

KidsCo Jr. will host our very own on-site Pumpkin Patch! Each child will get to choose a pumpkin to decorate with friends, enjoy fall sensory activities, and capture a special memory at our photo booth.

We invite all of our families to join us for our annual Halloween Parade on **Thursday, October 29th**! Our little ones will parade around the outside of the school, trick-or-treating as they visit our teachers' classrooms. Following the parade, we ask that families give their little ones a big hug and say goodbye as the children head back inside to continue the fun with their classroom Halloween parties! Be on the lookout for a SignUpGenius sent to your email with opportunities to help us make our classroom celebration extra special.

Your Support,
Renee, Director

LET'S STAY CONNECTED

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If you have any questions
please do not hesitate to ask!



SNEAK PEAK INTO NOVEMBER

- **Tuesday, November 3rd**- KidsCo Jr. Closed for Staff In Service day
- **November 16th -20th** - Zoom Parent Teacher Conferences
- **Wednesday, November 25th** - Thanksgiving Feast provided by KidsCo Jr. & Pajama Movie Day
- **November 26th - 27th** - KidsCo Jr. Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday



SAVE THE DATE

- **Butterfly Room Field Trips**- Friday, October 16th
- **Picture Day** - Tuesday, October 20th
- **On-site Pumpkin Patch** - Thursday, October 22nd
- **Halloween Parade and Party**- Thursday, October 29th
- **Aftercare Dinner & Movie**- Friday, October 30th



Classroom Announcements

As the weather gets cooler, we are asking families to please refresh your child's clothing bin with weather-appropriate tops and bottoms and send a light jacket each day.



Purple Room

Main Lead: Chelsea Mockey
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Teachers: Ms. Chelsea, Ms. Nayeli, Ms. Ferial, & Ms. Edith

Hello Purple Room Families,

We are so excited to welcome October and all the fun learning experiences this month will bring! Throughout the month, our little learners will explore our community, emotions, fall traditions, and animals through fun, hands-on activities. Our weekly themes will include fire safety, friendships & feelings, farms & harvesting, and pumpkins & nocturnal animals! Here's a peek at what we have planned:

Week 1: Fire Safety - Creating our very own fire extinguishers craft while learning about the community helpers who keep us safe!

Week 2: Friendships & Feelings - Exploring different emotions through mirror play and creating happy face artwork!

Week 3: Farms & Harvesting - Learning about farm animals and fall crops while creating our very own corn craft!

Week 4: Pumpkins & Nocturnal Animals - Exploring pumpkins through sensory play while learning about animals that come out at night and creating a cute bat craft!

We can't wait for a month full of learning, exploring, creating, and making sweet fall memories with all of our Purple Room friends!



Orange Room

Main Lead: Daniela Callejas
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Teachers: Ms. Dani, Ms. Ty, & Ms. Brianna

Hello Orange Room Families!

We're so excited for a full filled October! This month our toddlers will learn and explore about fire safety, friendships and feelings, discover farms and harvesting, and learn about pumpkins and nocturnal animals. We'll be learning through hands on activities, art, music and movement and sensory play.

Activities we have planed:

Week 1: Fire Safety— Fire safety experiment and fire truck visit

Week 2: Friendships and Feelings— Friendship poster and exploring emotions

Week 3: Farms and Harvesting— Decorating pumpkins and celebrating our Fall Festival

Week 4: Pumpkins and Nocturnal Animals— Halloween Party/Parade

Looking forward to a great month with your little one!





Caterpillar Room

Main Lead: Cyndi Chou

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Teachers: Ms. Cyndi and Ms. Stephanie

Hello Caterpillar Families,

October will be filled with hands-on learning, creativity, and sensory fun! We will explore new themes each week, make special crafts, enjoy exciting sensory activities, and build important skills through play.

WEEK 1: Fire Safety

We are exploring learning about firefighters, fire trucks, emergency safety, and simple ways to stay safe through fun, hands on activities!

WEEK 2: Friendships and Feelings

This week we will learn how to recognize and express our emotions, show kindness, share with others, and build positive friendships. We will do this through matching emotions and expressions.

WEEK 3: Farms and Harvesting

We will discover the world of farms & harvesting by exploring how fruits and vegetables grow, where our food comes from, and how farmers care for animals and crops.

WEEK 4: Pumpkins and Nocturnal Animals

We will investigate the inside of a pumpkin, counting and sorting seeds, and discovering which animals come out to play while we're sleeping.

We can't wait for a wonderful October with our friends and looking forward to lots of fun through play focusing on fine motor skill, language development, and imagination!



Butterfly Room

Main Lead: Tamar Kalajian

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Teachers: Ms. Tamar, Ms. Andrea, & Ms. Ferial

Hi Butterfly Room Parents! 🦋

We're excited to welcome October with a month full of hands-on learning, seasonal activities, and special experiences for our friends!

Week 1: Fire Safety- We'll begin the month by learning how to stay safe in an emergency. Our local fire department will visit to talk about fire safety, explain what firefighters do, and show us a real fire truck!

Week 2: Friendships & Feelings- We'll focus on kindness, friendships, and emotions. Our friends will roll a feelings dice, identify the feeling they land on, and use a mirror to make the matching facial expression. They will also practice saying, "I feel..." to help recognize and express their emotions

Week 3: Farms & Harvesting- We're excited to visit Summer Farm! The children will explore the farm, learn about harvesting, pick pumpkins, and possibly see farm animals.

Week 4: Pumpkins & Nocturnal Animals- We'll end the month by exploring pumpkins and learning about animals that are awake at night. During our fall festival, the children will discover pumpkins' colors, shapes, textures, and uses. We'll also learn about bats, owls, raccoons, and foxes through stories, conversations, and play dough activities.

We're looking forward to a wonderful October filled with discovery, creativity, friendship, and fun! Thank you for partnering with us as we support your children's learning and growth.

