



October 2011...Fall Fun!!



What a fabulous beginning to the year we have had!! The children settled in quickly and became comfortable with our daily routine.

This month we will be going on our first field trip. This will be on Thursday, October 13, 2011. We will be meeting at Tiburon parking lot at 9:00am. The bus will be departing by 9:15 a.m. and we will be arriving back from the trip to the Tiburon parking lot by 12:15pm. The cost of the trip per child is \$20.00, and \$12.00 per adult. Each child will get to take one small pumpkin and a coloring book. We also will be going on a hayride up to the pumpkin patch, and we will have a snack on the picnic tables which includes a cookie and some apple cider. This trip is open to 2's, 3's, 4's and 5's and K students. All Two's parents must accompany their child. We encourage all other parents to come on this trip and enjoy! This is a great field trip for parents to meet one another! Siblings are welcome. Parents can purchase additional pumpkins if they choose to do so. Permission slips and payment are due by Thursday, October 6th.

Halloween is coming and we are busy preparing for our annual **Halloween Parties and Parade**. These will take place Friday, October 28th. We invite all parents to join us for a **Halloween Parade** at 11:30 a.m. Siblings are welcome. We encourage children to wear their costumes to school to help celebrate this fun day. If you do not attend school on Fridays you are more than welcome to have your children attend this day at their regular time. PM children should come at 11:20 to participate in the parade! Room Parents may be contacting you to help contribute to your class for the parties. All parents that will be attending the Parade should park across the street at the Tiburon Restaurant.

A very important safety reminder: Please be cautious of cars backing out from parking spots, children and teachers going back and forth to cars, and your speed limit in the Three Four driveway. We want everyone to be safe and sound!

We are now beginning to look at next year's enrollment. Please let us know which program (s) you would be interested in so we can plan our future enrollment.

Please see the List below for all important dates and reminders!

Two's Program

During the month of October the Twos have so many fun activities to participate in! This month we will be creating leaf rubbings using fall colors, paper plate pumpkins using orange and black shapes, mosaic tissue paper leaves, marshmallow ghosts, hand print spiders, and footprint ghosts. Our annual Halloween candy carrier this year will be a Black Cat. The children will assemble the cat to store all our Halloween goodies from our friends. We will also be making our very own "Old MacDonald's Farm" stick puppets to use while singing the song with our children, particularly during circle time.

Three's and Four's Program

During the month of October we will continue our alphabet journey, talking about the letters E, D, P and H. For E week we will be making an Elephant puppet to go along with our Elephant Math game. During Choice Time we will be talking about and creating Family Trees! We will be asking for family pictures from you for the first week in October, the 3rd -7th. During D week we will be making a Duck puppet and Dinosaur cookie pops! Our Puppet for P week will be a Pink Pig. For H Week we will be making

a Haunted House stick puppet!! During Choice Time the next few weeks we will be continuing to make lots of beautiful Fall and Halloween decorations to decorate our school! We also will be making classroom scarecrows. We will be asking each child to bring in something old that we can use to make a scarecrow family as part of our Fall celebration. Please watch notices for more specifics.

With each of our cooking projects this year we will recall the ingredients we used and the order of events using simplistic pictures. In this way we can foster our beginning reading skills as well as create something yummy to share with our families. As the year progresses we will look for more and more details recalled by your child. Their words will be added verbatim. They can be very funny!!

Five's /Kindergarten Program

Our letters this month include T, N, W and R. We have also planned lots of spooky, fun Halloween arts and crafts to help us celebrate one of our favorite holidays

During the month of October we will begin our journey through England with Miss Hilary, leading up to our unit on Colonial America, which will culminate in November with our Thanksgiving feast. Miss Hillary will introduce our unit on Tuesday, October 11th. On October 18th we will be taking a school day field trip to the Ogden House in Fairfield. The Ogden House is an eighteenth century saltbox farmhouse furnished to portray the lives of its Revolutionary-era inhabitants. Later in November we will visit the Fairfield School House. These field trips really help to give the children a sense of what life may have been like during this time period.

These particular field trips take place during our regular school day. Drop off and pick up are at your regularly scheduled times here at school. Transportation is provided by teachers. We will send home permission slips before each trip.

Miss Betsy will be introducing us to Joseph Turner, a landscape artist from England.

We have been assessing the children for reading during the month of September. We will begin reading in groups on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week during Center Time. The children will be given a reading folder. In this folder you will find the book your child is reading for the week and a reading log. It is important that their book be read with you daily and returned daily in this folder. The reading log should also be filled out daily and remain in your child's reading folder. We will continue to assess and adjust the children's reading levels regularly.

Math Center will take place on Tuesday and Thursday of each week. Our beginning math curriculum includes number recognition, one to one correspondence, order of numbers and grouping up to 100.

A homework folder will be sent home weekly with any unfinished work from the week. It is not critical that this work be completed. It is purely optional unless otherwise specified. If your child does elect to finish some or all of their work we would love to see it! Of course a sticker will be awarded with lots of praise as well!!!!

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Happy October from all of us here at Three Four Open the Door!

School Reminders:

October 4th and 5th – School Pictures!!!

October 7th – No School - Staff Development Day (ALL DAY CHILDREN ONLY ATTEND)

October 10th - No School- Columbus Day

October 11th – Infant/Toddler Room Parents Night with Miss Lucy, Miss Wendy and Miss Annmarie – 7pm

October 13th - Field Trip to Blue Jay Orchards

October 13th - Parents Night 6:00-7:30pm 2's, 3' and 4's, 5/K

October 14 – First Parent Coffee 9:15AM at 3,4!

October 16th - Scholastic Online Orders Due

October 29th - Halloween Parade 11:30 a.m.