

NEWS CONNECTION

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A GREAT START

October 2014

SAVE THE DATES

Oct. 6th-10th

Scholastic Book Fair

Thurs., Oct. 9th
PBC Early Release Day

Thurs., Oct. 20th
PBC NO SCHOOL – NO VPK

Fri., Oct. 31st

Trunk-or-Treat & Costume Parade

Dress up your Trunk for Halloween! Please sign up at front desk for

assigned parking spot in the back.

Must be in parking space by 9:15am.

Wed., Nov. 26th
PBC NO SCHOOL – NO VPK

Thurs., Nov. 27th
Thanksgiving – CENTER CLOSED

Fri., Nov. 28th
CENTER CLOSED

CURRICULUM THIS MONTH

"At School" with Mr. N, Ms. A & Mr. B All About My Senses We All Have Feelings We Share

SPECIAL LEARNING "Safety Month"

Week 1: Child Safety

Week 2: Fire Prevention/Firefighters

Week 3: Classroom Safety/Teachers

Week 4: Safety in Your Community

Week 5: Trick or Treat Safety

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www.tuitionexpress.com



Fire Safety

Planning Saves Lives -HealthyChildren.org

Protecting your home against fire involves planning. There are precautions you can take that can help you protect you and your family.



- Never leave small children alone in the home, even for a minute.
- Install smoke alarms in furnace and sleeping areas. Check batteries once a month.
- Plan several escape routes from the house. Plan a place to meet right after leaving the house.
- Conduct home fire drills.
- Do not smoke in bed.
- Dispose of cigarette butts, matches, and ashes with care.
- · Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Be sure your gas water heater is off the ground. Spilled flammable liquids will be ignited by the pilot light.
- Do not clean clothes with flammable liquids.
- Place a barrier around open flames.
- Do not wear loose-fitting clothing near a stove, fireplace, or open space heater.
- Have your heating system checked and cleaned yearly.
- Check electric appliances and cords regularly for wear or loose connections.
- Use only 15-ampere fuses for lighting circuits. Never use a substitute for a fuse.
- Place fire extinguishers around the home where the risk of fire is greatest in the kitchen and furnace room, and near the fireplace.

In Case of Fire

- Get everyone outside right away. Go to your planned meeting place.
- Do not stop to dress or put out the fire. (Most deaths occur from suffocation due to hot fumes and smoke, not from direct burning.)
- Call the fire department from a neighbor's house.

BIRTHDAY CORNER A special HAPPY BIRTHDAY goes out to...

Arianna C. – Oct. 2nd Adrian M. – Oct. 16th

Sebastian R. – Oct. 5th Kennedy G. – Oct. 17th

Madelyn H. – Oct. 7th Skyler C. – Oct. 28th

Nicholas H. – Oct. 7th Ms. Edna – Oct. 31st

Books make GREAT birthday presents for home and the classroom!! Visit our Scholastic Book Fair October 6th through October 10th!



DID YOU KNOW WE OFFER AFTERCARE?

AGES 5-12 YEARS OLD!

Our aftercare is available 5 days a week. We DO provide pick-up service from most local area schools.

We offer:

- Teacher assisted homework
- · Arts & crafts
- · Enrichment activities & more
- Computer room
- Games
- Snacks provided

To register or get more information, ask at our front desk or call us at 561-629-8005.



DID YOU KNOW YOU WE OFFER EVENING CARE?

Mon.thru Fri. 6pm to 11:30pm. We offer drop-in, babysitting services, date night, night shift hour care. Dinner and snacks included! Ask at the front desk to see how we can provide your child great care that fits your schedule – at great rates!



Tips for Trick-or-Treating!

Halloween with a preschooler is a special time. Between the parties, trick-or-treating, crafts and food, there is lots of fun to be had, plus, it's one of those holidays that puts your child's active imagination to use. But if you have a young preschooler who has



never really celebrated or understood the holiday before, or even a child who is fearful, Halloween can be a bit overwhelming, especially trick-or-treating. Think about it from your child's perspective: you are walking around the neighborhood, going from door to door taking candy from strangers (usually a huge no-no). There are lots of people around, all in costume (some of them pretty scary). It's a lot to take in. Still, Halloween is a fun holiday and one your child will really grow to enjoy.

If trick-or-treating is on your Halloween agenda this year, consider these tips before heading out with your preschooler:

- Keep the costume simple. When you go out trick-or-treating with your little one, it can be tempting to bring all the accessories that her costume came with. But you are better off leaving them at home. You'll have enough to carry in that sure-to-be-very-heavy-because-it's-filled-with-candy treat bag, and certainly you don't want to lose anything. Also, make sure her costume fits her right. If it's too long or big, she's going to be tripping over it the entire time you are out, which can be irritating to her and a safety hazard as well.
- Reconsider a mask. If your child's costume comes with a mask, take a look at it before you head out for the day. Consider if he will really wear the mask the entire time you are out. If you think he will, make sure that his eyes, nose and mouth are unobstructed and that he can see and breathe properly. If you have any doubts that he will keep the mask on, try to paint his face instead.
- Pay attention to the weather. Most Halloween costumes can be easily adapted to
 whatever Mother Nature throws at you weather-wise. If it's cold, put the costume on
 over your little one's coat. If it's warm, have him put on a t-shirt and shorts
 underneath. The best bet is to dress in layers, that way you can adjust on the fly as
 needed.
- Make sure he's visible. If you are heading out at dusk or after dark, be sure to adhere
 reflective tape to his costume so motorists and other trick-or-treaters can see him.
 Make sure you have a flashlight on hand to help you navigate streets and sidewalks.
- Teach her manners. Halloween is the one time of year where it is polite to ask strangers for things, but that doesn't mean there isn't etiquette involved. Make sure your preschooler knows the right way to knock on a door or ring a doorbell (no more than twice), to say "trick-or-treat," and to thank the person who has filled her treat bag. If she is offered a bowl of candy to choose from, make sure she knows to only take one piece.
- Go over the candy rules. Here your child is, walking around with a bag filled with candy. It's quite tempting to reach in and take a piece or two. If that's OK with you, that's fine, but make sure your preschooler knows she has to ask first. One, so you can check the treat to make sure it is safe and two, so you can limit how much she has. Also, when reviewing your child's bag, make sure to remove. any choking hazards such as hard candies and small games and money.
- Think about nixing the neighborhood. Instead of trick-or-treating up down the streets where you live, consider heading indoors to a local "Safe Halloween" program. Many malls and school host and sponsor these types of initiatives where families can safely trick-or-treat within the confines of a building or park.