



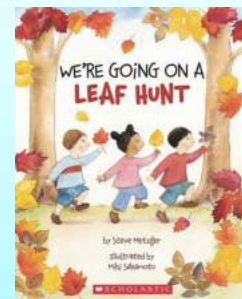
Dear Families,

The beginning of October brings about the familiar fall scent of apples and pumpkins and a brisk chill in the air. We will take the time in October to learn all about the changes that are occurring in nature around us. Our Kelkenberg Farm field trip was an excellent way to start this exploration, from the animals to the farm produce! The students loved petting Jack the two-week-old goat, riding the pony, and picking their own pumpkin. Take a look at some of our favorite pictures from our family trip on the last page of our newsletter, dedicated specifically to the farm. Thank you to all of those who made it – each one of you made the day very special!

ECRC Curriculum

October begins our exploration of the fall season and everything that makes our Buffalo autumn so special – including leaves, apples, and pumpkins! Some of the books that we are reading are:

- [The Apple Pie Tree](#) by Zoe Hall
- [We're Going on a Leaf Hunt!](#) by Steve Metzger
- [Five Little Pumpkins](#) by Dan Yaccarino



If you have any questions about our curriculum, please do not hesitate to ask! ☺

-Keely O'Connell

Updates from our Associate Director

Tuition Due Dates

- Monday, October 23
- Monday, November 20

Outdoor Play

We play outside everyday! As the temperature cools, please make sure to send your child with warm weather gear everyday, including mittens and a hat.

Parking

This is a reminder that the parent parking spots are only for **short term parking (15 minutes)** reserved for parents dropping off and picking up their child. If you are staying on campus, please move your car after you have dropped off your child. Thanks!

- Corinne Eggleston

Upcoming Events & Reminders

• **Parent Teacher Conferences**

October 25 → October 27 We will conduct parent-teacher conferences to discuss your child's progress. Please be on the look out for a Google document to sign up for a day and time to meet with your child's teacher.

• **Usborne Book Fair: October 25-26**

It's back by popular demand! While here for parent teacher conferences, stop in to look through and buy some new books for your child.

• **Halloween parade: Tuesday, October 31st**

The AM groups will parade in their costumes at 10:00 am, and the PM at 3:00 pm. All families are welcome to join!





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Our Favorite Activity!

Our families are very important to us. Everything our families do at home, we observe, listen, imitate, and learn. This week, we loved bringing kitchen tools that our families use at home into the art center. The students enjoyed using tongs, forks, and potato masher. This fun and new experience provided an opportunity for students to explore color-mixing properties of primary colors, while creating a beautiful masterpiece collectively.

We love to see Paxton and Daniel enjoying the center together!

-Miss Alice, Miss Wei & Miss Ashley

Happy Birthday to...

Lucas – October 23
Rodrigo – October 26



Christina relaxes while reading a favorite book.



Jacob and Aubrey love to grocery shop and prepare food!



Janice, Leo and Nathan strengthen their fingers by hammering cheerios together.

Try this at home!

At this age, your child is building strength in their muscles. Encourage your child to practice jumping with this song:

(Name) (Name) Jump up and down,
Jump up and down,
Jump up and down.
(Name) (Name) Jump up and down,
Now it's time to sit back down.



Janice and a student intern mix skin tone paints to create their own skin color.





Our Favorite Activity!

Counting, sorting, and patterning are foundational mathematics skills. Our math curriculum, Building Blocks, encourages students to explore with manipulatives to begin to play with numbers. Below, Rosaria sorts the cubes by color, then counts and compares each group.

At home, encourage your child to identify the math around them – the items they can count, the patterns all around, and the shapes that we see everyday.

- Miss Norline, Miss Diana & Mr. Dan

Happy Birthday to...

Mr. Dan – October 4
Katie – October 27
Elli – October 30



Elli practices writing words about our families.

Yubin practices lacing, strengthening her hands for pre-writing skills.



Everett and Katie work the cash register together at the grocery store.

Try this at home!

Writing

Writing helps to build strong fine motor skills. Encourage your child to write purposefully at home – such as making a grocery list, writing a letter to a loved one, or creating invitations for a special event!



Linneae, Julianna, and Arya cut out and glue pictures of food on their grocery lists.





ECRC PM Preschool

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Our Favorite Activity!

We are truly enjoying our specials at school. Music Play, with Miss Jenna, allows us to play with pitch, tone, and patterns. We play with toys such as a stretchy band, drums, and rhythm sticks, which teach us about the beat in music. In yoga with Miss Jeanna, we practice poses and enjoy a peaceful "Secret Garden" that encourages us to breathe and relax our bodies. Below, check out Christina using the stretchy band with Miss Jenna, and Griffin and Eden bending their bodies into poses!

- Miss Paige & Miss Brianna

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Eden, Rodrigo, Leo and Griffin enjoy hammering the cheerios!



Muhan loves building with blue blocks!



Leo and Paxton mix up and blow bubbles outside!



Peyton prepares a yummy family desert!



Try this at home!

Science

So much science happens right outside our windows. Encourage your child to discuss and identify what they see in nature. Then, your child can draw pictures of their observations.

Our Favorite Activity!

There is science all around and numerous everyday opportunities for us to observe, question, experiment, and hypothesize. This past week, we explored the concept of magnetism. While this phenomenon is abstract, our students played with materials to see and feel what magnetism really is. We prepared several objects for students to explore, some that would be attracted to magnets and others that would not. Our students experimented with each object, describing the feeling when an object would be attracted to the magnet, such as a musical triangle, and when it would not, such as a wooden drumstick. Below, you can see Mason experimenting with a student intern and sorting the objects by what a magnet attracts and what it does not attract.

- Mr. Stanley & Miss SJ



Look at Madeline using the scissors the correct way! Here, she cuts out items for her grocery list.



Nolan uses our Building Blocks Math games to practice counting with one-to-one correspondence.



Arya plays in the grocery store with a student intern, exchanging money as she buys some food!



Audrey sorts and counts with a student intern.



Isha and Madeline use a hammer to crush the cheerios.

Try this at home!

Letter Hunt

Your child is beginning to recognize letters, name them, and identify the corresponding sounds. When out and about, a letter hunt is a great way to keep children busy learning! Encourage your child to identify letter on signs both outside and inside.



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