



# Early Childhood Research Center

# Newsletter

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## Themes

Discovering Our Kindness  
(October 7th-18th)

Discovering Pumpkins  
(October 21-25)

Discovering Our Spooky Side  
(October 28-November 1)

## **Special Activities & Projects**

As we continue to venture through and explore the Fall season, we are taking a brief detour this week and next. The children are discovering their kindness and gaining an understanding that there are many children throughout the world that may not be as fortunate as themselves. It is a tradition of the ECRC to collect coins for UNICEF during our annual Halloween Parade. In preparation for this event, we are exploring the following questions to provide the children with a broader understanding of this philanthropic activity:

- What does it mean to be hungry?
- How do we feel when we are hungry?
- How do we feel when we are fed?
- What does it mean to be healthy?
- How do we feel when we are unhealthy?
- What are some healthy foods?

\*Feel free to continue these discussions at home!

## **Examples of books we are using with our current themes:**

*Big Red Barn* by Margaret Wise Brown; *Farmer Duck* by Martin Waddell; *Giggle, Giggle, Quack* by Doreen Cronin; *We love Fall!* By Diane Muldrow; *We're Going on a Leaf Hunt* by Steve Metzger; *Pumpkins* by Mary Lyn Ray; *Our Pumpkin* by Renee Keeler; *Pumpkin Town!* By Katie Mcky; *Apples and Pumpkins* by Anne Rockwell; *Fall Leaves Fall!* By Zoe Hall; *Sixteen Runaway Pumpkins* by Dianne O'Chiltree

## **Classroom Teachers**

As we bid farewell to Miss Lauren and wish her good luck in her new role at Fisher-Price, we will be making some staffing changes in our morning classrooms. We have used this week as an opportunity to make these subtle changes.

From this point forward the teachers are as follows:

PS I- Miss Maryam & Miss Wen (Miss Alexia - Friday only)

PS II- Miss Rose & Miss Alexia( T, W, Th) (Mr. Stanley - Monday & Friday)

PS III- Miss Dawn & Mr. Patrick

## Congratulations Miss Rose!

Please join us in congratulating Miss Rose and her new husband, David Stephens.

They were married on September 20<sup>th</sup> and have just returned from a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean.

## Special Events

### SPCA @ ECRC

"Animal Safety &

Dog Bite Prevention"

Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

**October 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Please sign up outside of your child's classroom if you would like to meet with your child's teacher.

### **Picture Days**

**October 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9 AM**

We are looking for parent volunteers to help out with picture day. Please contact Kelly or

## **We play outside every day!**

**As cooler weather arrives, please remember to send your child to school with a jacket, hat, mittens, and shoes appropriate for cool weather outdoor play.**

**If you rake, we'd love a bag of your leaves for the children to play with.**



# Picture Page!



Above: Andrzej and Abby gently pet the long haired rabbit at Kelkenberg Farm.



Above Center: Ya Ya uses her hand to paint her fall tree.



Above: Audrey milks the goat at Kelkenberg Farm.

Below: Gracelyn draws her observations of her fall leaf.



Above: Miss Kitty and Evelyn enjoy a story about a pumpkin patch.  
Left: Yeon Jo gets creative as he writes on the Doodle Pro.



Left & Above: Payton, Evadene, Isabela and Alex enjoy stretching, poking, squishing and squashing the pumpkin slime.

Right: Tadgh is a focused artist as he uses water-colors to paint his fall leaf.

