



November 2018



Andover Academy, Making Learning Fun...



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Holiday Closing Dates

Thanksgiving
November 22nd-23rd

Christmas
December 24th-25th

New Year
December 31st -
January 1st



Special points of interest:

- * Holiday Closing Dates
- * Holiday Pictures
- * Book Fair
- * Tuition
- * Diwali Parade- November 9th

Holiday Pictures:

School holiday pictures have been scheduled for Tuesday, November 13th. Please be sure to mark your calendars, as these days are approaching quickly! More information to follow.

Book Fair:

This year we will not have our usual book fair. However, we will still have our book exchange. Please plan to purchase a book elsewhere. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Sign In:

It is very important that you sign your child in with full signature in the morning, include an emergency number for the day, also sign your child out when he or she is picked up.

Health Policy:

As stated in your handbook and on the health policy form you signed, in the event that your child becomes sick, please let us know ASAP. You are required to inform the school of all illnesses whether they are communicable or not.

Be a healthy Role Model For Your Kids:

- ☐ Choose healthy snacks for yourself, as well as your kids. Always have a healthy snack available for those "I'm hungry moments"
- ☐ Prepare a healthy school lunch together with your child.
- ☐ Reward good behavior with attention, rather than food. Shower your children with hugs, kisses, and "family time".

☐ Focus on each other at the table and turn off the television. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children under 2 years of age watch no more than one to two hours a day of quality programming.

☐ Encourage physical activity. As the weather cools down, take a walk before dinner or play ball outside.

Important:

Please do not leave your valuables inside your vehicles.

Tuition: Please help us by writing your **child's full name** on your check if it differs from the name imprinted on the check. Thank you for your understanding.

Mission Statement:

Andover Academy strives to provide a quality education in a safe, nurturing environment where each child may grow at his or her own pace. Our staff is committed to children and encourages a love of learning. Open communication and parent participation are essential to our program.

A Big Thanks! :

To all the many families who continue to donate toys, books, furniture, and many other items too numerous to list, we thank you ever so much.





NATURE WALKS WITH KIDS

There is nothing more thrilling than watching children on nature walks. Allow your child to set the pace, and avoid hurrying them along. Letting children lead the nature walk empowers them, builds confidence, and satisfies their curiosity. Many people strap small children into backpacks or all-terrain strollers while walking on nature trails, but if children are capable and interested in doing so, they should be permitted to walk. If they are carried in backpacks, they may not notice the beetle crawling over a rotting log, or the stunning orange leaf in the middle of the path. Bring a bag and invite your child to collect interesting items that have fallen to the ground. Keep our nature collection in a basket and make magnifying glasses and plastic tweezers accessible so that they can examine their items scientifically!



Pumpkins Pumpkins Everywhere!

Pumpkins, pumpkins all around! One of the best things about fall is that there are pumpkins everywhere, making it easy to have a Pumpkin Science Exploration! Children can use their 5 senses to explore the outside of the pumpkin. Remove the top and encourage them to explore the inside. As they explore, ask the questions (you prepared). Allow them to investigate with their hands, eyes, ears, and nose to find the answer.

Pumpkin Patch Dirt Cups

1 box instant chocolate pudding

3 cups milk

2 pkg. Oreos

1 pkg. green sour straws

1 pkg. of pumpkin candies

Make the pudding by following directions on the box (whisk together pudding mix and 3 cups cold milk).

Use a food processor to crush the Oreos until smooth.

Layer the Oreos and chocolate pudding in a clear cup. Oreos, pudding, Oreos, pudding, and top with Oreos.

Top with a Green Sour Straw candy

cut in half (the pumpkin vine) and three pumpkin candies.

Serve with a spoon!

FLUFFY PUMPKIN SLIME:

1/2 Cup Elmer's White Glue
Unscented Shaving Cream

Orange Food Coloring

Mason Jar

Black Construction Paper

Scissors

Saline Solution

Arm & Hammer Baking Soda

Pumpkin Scented Oil optional

DIRECTIONS:

Add 1/2 cup of Elmer's white school glue and 4 cups of shaving cream to a bowl. Mix well and then add in a few drops of your orange food coloring.

Next stir in 1/4 tsp of Arm & Hammer Baking Soda. Then add contact solution about 1 Tablespoon at a time and mix. Keep adding a little more contact solution and mixing until your slime begins forming into a ball-like form as you mix.

You'll notice this is when it starts to turn into slime and becomes less sticky. It will begin coming off the sides of your container and sticking together.