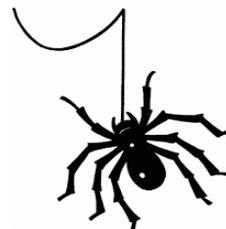




October



In Need of:

Last year our children had fun in our pumpkin patch. We hope you will be able to help us out with a few items: Pumpkins (all sizes and colors), cornstalks, Indian corn, bales of hay, child size wheel barrels, and baskets.

Open House:

We would like to thank all our Toddlers, and Pre-School parents who came to our open house. We hope all your questions, concerns, and curiosities were addressed.

Costume Parade:

On Wednesday October 30th the students will be participating in a Costume Parade. Students are to arrive in their costumes, **ALL ITEMS LABELED**, accompanied by a change of clothes. The parade will be held outdoors, weather permitting. As a reminder, please no masks or weapons! Details to follow.

Just a Reminder:

No glass is permitted in the classrooms. When packing your child's lunch, please remember to use plastic containers. These containers should be air-tight, to avoid leaks and spills as always, please remember to label everything.

Parking:

For the safety of the children, please do not park on the side closest to the building. This is a "Tow Zone" and used for emergency vehicles only. Please do NOT park for longer than 3 minutes when parking under the covered area. Remember only parents with infants should use the over hang, unless it is raining.

Keep Our Children Safe: Please hold your child's hands prior to exiting the school. Ms. Donna asks **ALL** parents to **DRIVE SLOWLY**, speed limit is **5 MPH**, when pulling into the parking lot. Remember to **END all** cell phone conversations prior to picking up your child.

Andover Academy T-Shirts: We now have fabulous Andover t-shirts. T-shirts will be sold at a cost of \$6.00 per shirt. Samples will be in the lobby. They are not mandatory but are a great way to show school spirit.

Reminder

- Check website weekly for your child's letter from teacher
- Menus for lunch will be available on the website. Money must be brought in with the menu at least a week in advance on that Wednesday.

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Special Points of Interest:

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Extracurricular Activities

Monday
 Music—3:15pm -4:00pm \$60 monthly

Thursday
 Gymnastics-3:00pm-3:30pm \$55 monthly

Friday

A Special thanks to Mr. Romero for bringing his food truck during community helpers week. The children and staff really appreciated it.

Andover Academy, Making Learning Fun...

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.



Check This Out

Pumpkin Pumpkin

Pumpkin Pumpkin by Jeanne Titherington tells the story of a boy named Jamie and the pumpkin seeds he plants and takes care of. It's a great addition to a preschool pumpkin theme or a lesson about the life cycle of a pumpkin. Your preschoolers will love the story and the activities that go with it. There are many activities you can do that go along with the book Pumpkin Pumpkin.

Sequencing - After reading the story make a chart to show how the pumpkin grew. Ask the children what happens first, next, and so on. Draw a picture to represent each event in the story. Start with a seed, then a small sprout, then a vine and blossoms and continue your chart until the pumpkin is picked and carved into a jack-o-lantern. To assess give each child a paper with the same pictures and have them cut them out, mix them up and glue them in order onto a sheet of construction paper.

Art - Let the student paint their own jack-o-lantern pictures. Let them share their finished paintings with the class.

Balloon Jack o Lanterns Blow up an orange balloon and let the child use a black marker, stickers, or finger paint to create facial features. Ask the child how does the jack o lan-tern feel?

Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

This is a good activity to do when you are done carving your pumpkin.

Materials

- 1 1/2 cups raw whole pumpkin seed
- Water
- 1 pinch salt
- 2 teaspoons butter, melted

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees F (150 degrees C).
2. Toss seeds in a bowl with the melted butter and salt. Spread the seeds in a single layer on a baking sheet and bake for about 45 minutes or until golden brown; stir occasionally.

Pipe Cleaner Spiders

Provide the children with pipe cleaners to make spiders. Have the children twist the pipe cleaners together to form a body and legs. Discuss how many legs a spider has.



Shape Matchup

Materials

- Colored construction paper
- White construction paper
- Pen or marker
- Scissors

Directions

1. Cut basic Halloween shapes (pumpkins, bats ghosts, etc.) out of colored construction paper.
2. Also trace all the shapes onto a piece of white construction paper.
3. Have your child match the colored shapes to those drawn on the white paper

Name Spelling Game

Using letter flash cards, teach your preschool child to spell his name.

Materials

- Index cards
- Pen or marker

Directions

1. Print each letter in your child's name on an index card.
2. Lay them out to spell your child's name.

Important Matters and Reminders

Attention Parents!!

Please be aware that in your parent handbook on page nine, under severe weather conditions, Andover Academy complies with Broward county School closings. Please feel free to call school for further information, if you are unsure.