

Ship to Shore from the Learning Ship

October 2011

News from the Dolphins & Whales

Pumpkin time is here! We can't believe that September has already come and gone. The children are adjusting well and have made a lot of new friends. October plans are shaping up and prove to be lots of fun.

Our overall monthly theme will be Fun Fall Activities. Within our theme we will be focusing on a different letter each week.

First week, "B"e yourself...body awareness. During the first week we will have preschool pictures taken, on Tuesday, October 4th (Dolphins) and on Wednesday, October 5th (Whales). McConomy Photography will be taking our pictures. Information will be coming home soon. Every child will be in a class picture. Individual pictures will be taken if you would like, and 10% of all orders will go to the preschool for us to use for your children.

The second week, "C"ount on cool weather fun! We will focus on PUMPKINS. We will introduce math and science concepts while having fun "getting into the real guts" of pumpkins. We will expand our lessons this week by taking our first field trip. We are taking time to visit the POST FARM on Tuesday, Oct. 11th (Dolphins) or Wednesday, Oct. 12th (Whales). Look for a sign up list on the table in our classroom. It will be posted starting Oct. 3rd or 4th. Your child will have a great time in the hay maze, the wagon ride, and the small train ride. The cost for all this, plus a fresh donut AND your very own pumpkin to take home is \$5.50 (children) and \$4.50 for the adult volunteers.

Our third week, "D"on't look now, leaves are falling. Our fourth week, "E"verything Fall! Our final week of October we will top off the month by focusing on "F"all Harvest Fun. We will have a HARVEST PARTY on Thursday, Oct. 27th (Dolphins) or Monday, Oct. 31 (Whales). Parents are welcome to join us at 10:30 for AM and 2:00 for PM. We will be playing some fun games and eating some yummy food.

This month we will be introducing the alphabet. We will focus on a letter a week. This way we will be able to complete the alphabet before the end of the school year. We will use the zoo phonics program to help the ABC's "come alive" in our classroom.

Thank you for the snacks that have been sent with the SHARE BAG so far. The show and tell items brought in have been delightful. They are just the right size if they fit in the bag! Remember to check the front pocket of the bag for a colored note to put clues on.

With the colder weather coming, remember to write your child's name in their jackets.

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October Birthday's

Happy Birthday to you.....

Dolphins AM

Kailey Walcott - 8th
Jasper Bruggink - 18th
Peyton Charles - 31st

Dolphins PM

Benjamin Slagter - 9th
Cooper Nott - 10th
Sofie Slopsema - 14th

Looking forward to more fun and laughter with your child,
Mrs. Ann & Mrs. Sue
Mrs. O, Mrs. L & Mrs. Jodi