



# The Turtle Monthly Newsletter

## October 2011

What a great way to start off the month of October with this monthly newsletter to our Turtle families. Through this monthly newsletter, we will be highlighting the upcoming themes and activities for our little Turtles. We will be having an exciting and adventurous month through these themes:

- Circus
- Fire Prevention
  - Autumn
  - The Farm
  - Halloween

In October, we will be motivating our little Turtles to increase their basic skills, as well as their fine and gross motor skills. We will be participating in fun activities in Art, Science, and Sensory projects in order to further enhance their motor skills and creative expressions.



To start our morning, we will be working with words in our Morning Circle. Through "Good Morning" songs with actions, we will be motivating their observation skills, actions, and language. We will also be learning some new sign language words such as thank you, please, sorry and many more, which will help our younger friends to express themselves and communicate effectively.

We have a great selection of books to be read for the upcoming month that will help them with their speech, as well as their vocabulary. In October, we will be reading many books including:

- Clifford at The Circus by Norman Bridwell
- Flashing Fire Engine by Tony Mitton
- Squirrels by Brian Wildsmith
- Little Pumpkins by Dan Yaccarin

We will be working on basic Math skills by counting, sorting, and working with patterns. Our objectives for the activities will be based on our themes. We will be using clown noses, fire trucks, straws, and many more items to encourage the turtles to use their imaginations. For science and sensory experiments, we will be using corn cobs, pumpkins, and leaves. This will expose them to different textures and will greatly increase their sense and distinction of different objects.





For creative art, we will encourage our Turtles to express their creativity and imagination through different activities. These activities will also encourage teamwork in completing them. We will be using familiar objects, and unique tools. Some of the objects we will use to create our art projects are straws, leaves, and pumpkins.

For our Music and Motor center, we will be learning new rhymes while incorporating the movements to strengthen their motor skills. Our Turtles love to sing, "Hurry, Hurry, Drive the Fire Truck!" along with the truck sounds. We will be teaching them the "Toss and Roll" game using balls, corn cobs, and pumpkins. These games will greatly enhance their hand to eye coordination. These activities will also encourage teamwork and communication amongst each other.

Home and School Connection: Close communication between home and school is of the most importance. Taking your child on a walk, encouraging them to use language and make observations about familiar objects will greatly help the learning of your growing Turtle. Reading books at bed time is also very important. Also, talking about pets and animals and making their sounds will help our Turtles enhance their vocabulary and become more familiar with the animals. Taking part in these activities with your child will reinforce everything they learn at school. Thank you in advance for your continued support and cooperation!

#### **Upcoming events in October:**

- 10/18 -Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00-5:00pm. Sign up on our door!
- 10/26 -Sunnyland Music Show, 11 am.
- 10/31- Halloween Parade & Party - 31<sup>st</sup> @ 3.45 pm

#### **Parent Reminders:**

- Please bring back the Journals!
- Please sign your child IN and OUT on the clipboard on the door.
- Ask us what our classroom needs if you need to complete Helping Hands points!
- Bring in a family photo and we will display it on our wall!
- E-mail us at: [teachingtodds@yahoo.com](mailto:teachingtodds@yahoo.com)

**HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN**

