

### WOW... We Can't Wait to Explore!

Math: We have lots of fun math activities planned for the month of October. We will be practicing our counting and number recognition skills with a clown and hat matching game, practicing simple addition using different theme related manipulatives, working on our patterning skills with leaves and even creating our own Halloween graph too...and that's not all!

Science: As we explore our themes of Circus, Fire Prevention, Autumn and Halloween...we can't wait to try out new science experiments! We will enjoy adding textures to shaving cream, making predictions as we mix colors together, exploring fall materials inside our sensory table and carving a pumpkin to look inside to find out...what's in there?

Literacy: As the fall seasons approach us, the Zebras will continue working on their writing skills. We'll enjoy learning new vocabulary words, creating our own stories, recalling information for more group discussions and practicing to identify letters.

Art: The Zebras will be using a variety of materials to create, working on an easel, using body parts such as our fingers and our noses to make our masterpieces and working together in small groups.



#### Teacher Fun Facts:

- \* Ms. Jennifer is going to be an aunt in March 2012!
  - \* Ms. Kumari LOVES to go bike riding!
- \* Ms. Ursula has two children, Sophie who is 3 and Edwardo who is 16 years old.
  - \* Ms. Monica's weekends are all about her and her family!

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#### The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything

By: Linda Williams "The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything is a rare Halloween children's classic and makes our large group times so much fun! I love how you can read this story to introduce literacy but at the same time, when you read, CLOMP, CLOMP or SHAKE, SHAKE, the children get to act out the parts. What a great way to encourage literacy, group discussions, exercising gross motor skills and having fun as a whole class. This is definitely one of my favorite fall stories!"

Ms. Jennifer



#### Big Frank's Fire Truck

By: Leslie McGuire "I love this story! When I read this story to the children, they love pointing out the helicopters and how they carry the buckets of water. They think it's amazing how the helicopters carry these buckets and then spray the water out on the fire underneath of them. The children also acknowledge how the firefighters have families too ... just like us!" Ms. Ursula



#### If I Ran the Circus

By: Dr. Seuss "I am a big fan of Dr. Seuss stories but this story is one of my favorites! I love how the story is actually auestions for the children to answer while the story is being read. I feel like the entire story we are interacting with children...lots of conversations!" Ms. Kumari



Teacher Pick's

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## October 2011

We would like to introduce our new Zebra monthly newsletter, "The Zebras Zip"! In this first edition, we will be informing you of all the fun activities that your child will experience, our upcoming center events, highlighted stories and more. Our monthly newsletters will be filled with fun facts about the Zebra teachers, songs that the threes love to sing, Zebra birthdays and the letters we will be focusing on. We hope you enjoy reading these as much as we love creating them...we are super excited for this new look!





Grayson Phelps 10/4/08



What's Going on This Month...

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EXPERIENCE

EXPLORE

\*Reading Pet Show! by Ezra Jack Keats in honor of Jumpstart's Read for

\*Field Trip to Ticonderoga Farms on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>.

\*Mark your calendar...Monday, Oct. Halloween Parade and



31st, we will be having our Classroom Party