



Miss Kathy's Newsletter

October 1st – 4th

Monday/Tuesday

- **Fine-Motor Activity:** Children will have time at the beginning of the day to manipulate “pumpkin spice” play dough, using play dough cookie cutters, scissors, rolling pins, etc.
- **Introduce the letter “D” and “Digger the Dog”**
- **Children will go on a letter “D” hunt in the classroom.**
- **Table Time Activity:** Children will paint in a “D” picture for their ABC Books.
- **Fine-Motor Activity:** Children will snip an orange square into a pumpkin shape for their Color Books.
- **Patterning Activity:** Children will assist with making an AB pattern on the white board.

Wednesday/Thursday

- **Fine-Motor Activity:** Children will have time at the beginning of the day to play with Unifix cubes, mosaic magnet boards, Lego connector builders, and suction cup blocks.
- **Introduce “Kindness Curriculum” by reading the story, “A Special Gift”**
- **Table Time Activity:** Children will make “Candy Cups” for Meals on Wheels.
- **Fine-Motor Activity:** Children will complete “Dino-Mite” tearing project.
- **Sensory Table will be filled with popcorn that isn’t popped and Halloween items.**

Fine Motor Skill Development

Fine motor movements involve the coordination of small muscles in the hands and fingers. Strong fine motor skills are essential to complete tasks such as writing, cutting, using a fork or spoon, threading beads, moving puzzle pieces, zipping, buttoning, and tying shoe laces. Without well-developed fine motor skills, a child may have difficulty learning to write or performing many of the other critical tasks presented in preschool. Nearly all fine motor activities, including cutting and writing, require a dominant hand and a non-dominant hand. Hand dominance can be seen as early as age three or four, although it may not be firmly established until a child reaches age six or seven.

Storytime Books for the Week:

- “Harry the Dirty Dog” by Gene Zion. Harry is a white dog with black spots and in this story, Harry gets dirty and turns into a black dog with white spots. His family doesn’t recognize him until he takes a bath.
- “Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn” by Kenard Pak. In this story, a little girl talks to nature and they respond by explaining how they are getting ready for autumn.
- “Froggy Goes to School” by Jonathan London. This is a funny story about Froggy and how he dreams he goes to school in his underwear.
- “Whatever Happened to the Dinosaurs?” by Bernard Most. This story asks the question, “Where did all the dinosaurs go?” And then it goes on to speculate what happened to them. Did a magician make them disappear? Maybe they are wearing disguises and we just don’t recognize them. Maybe they are lost in the middle of the jungle?