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Upcoming Events

10/8 Stay Little PDX Prints
 10/16 Picture Day
 10/17 Picture Day
 10/18 PNO
 10/25 Scholastic Orders Due
 10/30 Halloween Carnival
 10/31 Trick-or-Treating/Costume Parade



Happy Birthday to you,
 Happy Birthday to you,
 Happy Birthday dear...

Tobin
 Wesley
 Jasper B
 Brooke
 Acacia
 Jayden
 Ezra
 Keegan

and Teacher Tracy
 Happy Birthday to you!



Life Touch Pictures

Life Touch Portraits will be back Wednesday, October 16th and Thursday October 17th to take our fall pictures. Because we have so many kids, we have to split them up into two days again. We will be sure that your child's day is one they are scheduled to attend. All children, except school-age, will be photographed, but keep an eye out for a preference sheet where you can choose a background color as well as list siblings and any other information for the photographer.



Stay Little PDX

Order forms for ceramic keepsakes are due by October 1st. The prints will be taken in the morning on October 8th.



Halloween Happenings

We will be starting our Halloween festivities with our annual Halloween Carnival held on **Wednesday, October 30th from 3:30pm - 5:00pm**. This event is organized and run by the school-age kids and is a great opportunity for them to interact with the younger children and also a great time for parents to visit with each other. Please plan to spend some time

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that afternoon with your child enjoying the carnival and all its fun.

Thursday, October 31st, we will have our trick-or-treating/costume parade. We will start rotating through the classrooms around **9:30am** starting with the infants. Please feel free to send your child's costume with them or they can wear it to school. Please do not send unnecessary accessories, especially anything that represents a weapon of any sort. Classes may decide to have parties as well so keep your eyes open for sign-up sheets.



Treats from Home

Please remember that if you are bringing food in for a birthday celebration or holiday celebration to share with the kids, it must be store bought. It is also a good idea to avoid food with nuts as we do have a couple children with nut allergies.

No Drop Off Time

Just a quick reminder that we have a no drop off time between 10:30am and 2:30pm. Arriving by 10:30am ensures your child has a chance to play a little before being expected to eat lunch and go down for a nap. Also, the bulk of the curriculum takes place in the morning. Thank you for your cooperation in following these guidelines.

Snuggle Bunnies loved by Kaylee, Crystal & Nicki

Eleanor and Elliott celebrated birthdays in September! Happy Birthday! We also are officially in fall. This time of year is so amazing. The leaves are starting to change and the sound of rain is peaceful. We have done fall tree artwork and we are going to be making little rain clouds the babies can finger paint. We love reading our books as our friends arrive. We are getting good at our signs especially when it involves food.

This next month, we will be welcoming our friend James who is the little brother of Oliver. Once the leaves fully change we will be doing our sensory bucket of leaves, continuing our signs, reading books, and listening to super simple children songs. Everyone have a great October!

Wobbly Lambs loved by Jan & Tracy

Fall has arrived! We had so much fun this summer and are hoping for wonderful autumn days ahead. We know there will be many inside days coming soon.

Our new friend Rowan joined us in September. We will be welcoming Nora in October, and also welcome to Elliott who is moving up to Wobbs from the infant room. We are all very happy to have them join us.

This month we will be practicing our signs and letter sounds. We will be counting with our blocks and knocking them down. It's the best of fun!

We will have loads of fun singing our songs with finger and hand play. When we learn it's always through play. We hope you have a spooktacular month!



Tiger Cubs I loved by Bri & Reba

This month we got to welcome Hazel and Jayden to Todds I. We are so excited to have them in our class officially. During circle time, we continued working on our letters, numbers, shapes and colors. The themes for the past month were "Back to School," "Fall" and "Sesame Street."

Our themes for the next month will be "Fall," "Llama Llama" and "Halloween." With the weather changing, we are asking parents to bring a light jacket or sweatshirt for their child. We are still going outside as much as possible.

Tiger Cubs II loved by Chela

We can't believe summer is over and fall is here, which will be very exciting for us all - watching the colors on the trees change and the leaves blowing in the air. We said goodbye to several of our friends as they moved up to preschool. That made space for some of the toddlers on the younger side to move over to the older side.

This month we are working on letters Q, R, S, and T, and numbers 1-4. We will continue learning our shapes and colors in English and Spanish. We will be working on fall art projects along with Halloween art.

Fuzzy Ducks loved by Deby, Rachel, Maryan & Nicki

We learned a lot about apples in September - where they grow, what colors they are. We tasted three different colors - red, green and yellow. Some of us liked them all and some only liked certain colors. We did our self-portraits and they were so cute. October will be filled with all the fun fall activities, leaves, what color are they turning? We

will paint them, make a fall tree, and we will be painting a lot with the fall colors. Letter B will be our letter of the month. Pumpkins and Halloween will be so much fun. Lots of crafts and science. We will carve pumpkins, paint them and hunt for them. We will frost graham crackers to make pumpkins and make pumpkin pie pudding cups. There will be a

classroom Halloween party. Look for a sign-up sheet for treats the last week of October.



Bouncy Bears loved by Lissette & Jess

In this unit, "My Home and Family," the children are given opportunities to connect what they learned about themselves in the previous unit to their families, homes, and communities. Children will explore what families do together and how they interact at home through finger-puppet and flannel board stories, sequencing cards, and photo cards. We will also practice sorting skills, such as sorting household objects by size. Children will also express their creativity by drawing family portraits and making house collages. Also, we will be busy making beautifully spooky Halloween crafts.

Reminder: as the weather cools down, please send appropriate sweatshirts/jackets for your child. Also, please check your child's cubby to make sure they have enough extra clothes in case of accidents.

Kangaroos loved by Mariah & Ru

Kindergarten came off to a good start this September! We have been spending our mornings together learning the first letters of the alphabet, schedules, being kind to others, and managing our feelings using our words. We also made pizzas out of our favorite shapes and colored many fun pages for letters B and C.

This October, we will learn about "Autumn," "Falling Leaves," "Apples," and "Pumpkins," and of course more letters! Making the transition from Jr. K to Kindergarten has been super exciting! Our kids are now part of the "big kid" classroom, which means no naps! Plus plenty of fun new

toys and learning new things from the school-aged students. We are all super excited to start October and get in another month of learning.



Panthers loved by Reanna, Mariah & Daja

We had a great first month back to school and have gotten back into our routine after school. We have been busy in the classroom - coloring, building, making bead creations, playing, swimming (on Wednesdays) etc.

Looking ahead to October, we will be getting a new teacher! Her name is Reanna, and she has worked at ALT in the past and is returning to take over the school-age program. She is very artistic and creative and has a lot of experience working with children of all ages so we are excited to see what types of activities she plans for us. We also have our first no school day, and the Halloween carnival to prepare for. As school-age kids, we are responsible for setting up and running the carnival which includes helping the younger children play the games and get prizes. There will be face painting, cupcake decorating, Halloween themed carnival games, spooky music and more!

Visit a Local Pumpkin Patch

Where: Bi-Zi Farms, 9504 NE 119th St. Vancouver, WA, www.bizifarms.com

What: Paid entry to the pumpkin patch includes: one free pumpkin, a wagon ride to and from the pumpkin patch, and admission to the corn maze, farm animals, and children's activities such as bale maze, bale pyramid, calf roping station, pedal tractor driving, and more! For a bit extra face painting, pony rides, fresh kettle corn, and other food and drinks are available.

When: Fridays 2pm - 5:30pm,

Saturday and Sunday 10am-5:30pm (stay late for the Nighttime Corn Maze Friday and Saturday until 9:30pm)

Where: Bella Organic, 16205 NW Gillihan Rd. Portland, OR (Sauvie's Island)

What: Certified organic and pet friendly! Their annual corn maze is celebrating Equality this year! The farm features a hay maze, duck races, animal viewing and hay rides to the patch. On weekends, enjoy the cow and grain trains, haunted maze, face painting etc. Costumes are encouraged!

When: 9am - 6pm daily,

Friday and Saturday the farm is open until 10pm every weekend in October

Where: The Pumpkin Patch, 16511 NW Gillihan Rd. Portland, OR (Sauvie's Island)

What: Portland's Original Pumpkin Patch! Over 50 varieties of fruit and vegetables are grown on 800 acres. The Harvest Festival features a 1929 big red barn, the Patio café, and the produce market, hay rides, animal barn, and a corn maze celebrating Big Foot.

When: 10am - 6pm daily

Where: Roloff Farms, 23985 NW Grossen, Hillsboro, OR

What: Farm includes a wide variety of pumpkins (even blue and pink ones), a petting zoo, a gift barn, wagon tours, pony rides, face painting, adventure area, hay pyramid, kiddie train, spooky forest trail loop, tarantula track, corn-stalk maze, giant sling shots, obstacle course, teepee play area, and putt-putt golf.

When: 10am - 5:30pm, Friday - Sunday

*For more information about these pumpkin patches, visit their websites.