

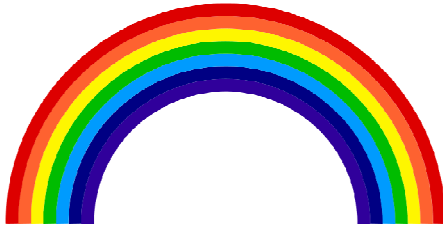
Little Learners Links



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The Rainbow Room



We have been doing some very exciting activities in the Rainbow Room this past month. We have focused on creative expression, food fun & messy science. In the Rainbow Room we like to cook, create and, of course get messy! During creative expression week, we painted with string, which was very challenging for us since it was much harder to control than a paint brush. We also painted with thin brushes and made our very own masterpieces! We even had a dino-wash and washed our dinosaurs in the sensory tables with soapy water, sponges, paint brushes and toothbrushes! During food fun week we made kool-aid playdoh and made "oreo pops" with melted chocolate and sprinkles, yum!

During messy science week we focused on the wonders of nature such as volcanos and their structure. We even blew up our own volcano using mentos and diet coke! I look forward to continuing our sensory sensations in October!

Mrs. Tracy

2011 Planned Activities

Date	Activity	Classroom
Thursday, <u>October 27th</u>	<i>Pumpkin Patch</i>	<i>All Classrooms</i>
Monday, <u>October 31st</u>	<i>Halloween Party</i>	<i>All Classrooms</i>
Monday, <u>November 14th</u>	<i>Magician</i>	<i>Stars, Hearts, Greens, and Blues</i>
Thursday & Friday, <u>November 24th & 25th</u>	<i>Thanksgiving LL Closed</i>	<i>All Classrooms</i>
Monday, <u>December 19th</u>	<i>Santa Visit</i>	<i>Stars, Hearts, Greens, and Blues</i>
Wednesday, <u>December 21st</u>	<i>Janie Next Door</i>	<i>Ovals and Diamonds</i>
Thursday, <u>December 22nd</u>	<i>Party</i>	<i>All Classrooms</i>
Monday-Friday <u>December 26-30</u>	<i>Christmas and New Year's LL Closed</i>	<i>All Classrooms</i>

Little Learners Reminders

- The cost for "Drop In" Care is \$50 per day. If you need to add a day, please call us as soon as you know so that we may check availability.
- The Little Learners 2011 Family Directory will be out this month. Thank you for taking the time to make any changes that were needed.
- We are asking that "No Toys from Home" be brought in when coming to school at Little Learners. Sometimes it is difficult for us to share our most favorite toys from home and we would like to try and avoid a concern for lost or damaged items. Children may of course bring in a toy on their "share day," which will be assigned by your child's teacher.
- The activities fee for 2011-2012 will be due this month. The cost is \$25 for full time children, \$15 for part time children and \$40 for a family with siblings.

DID YOU KNOW...

- **Did you know...** Children develop at different rates and in different ways, and some children are just naturally more physical than others. Until they reach 18 to 24 months, it is not uncommon for children to show more interest in their gross motor skills — climbing, running, riding a tricycle — than in other areas of development, like language. But don't worry — your child's focus on these skills won't cause a delay in other areas. However, as your child matures from age 2 to 3, you should see dramatic changes in his speech and language skills.

Mrs. Tracy, Directors Assistant



Fall Pictures

Fall pictures will take place on October 20th & 21st between 8:00am-11:30am. As we get closer to the date, we will let you know which specific day will be your child's picture day. We will have siblings take their pictures on the same day to get pictures of them together. Anyone attending in the afternoon is welcome to come for pictures in the morning; however, you will need to stay with your child.



Halloween Parade

We will begin our Halloween parties on Monday, October 31st at 3:15 with a parade through the parking lot. Parents are invited to come and enjoy the parade and parties. We will have a special parent "viewing area" in the back of our parking lot where parents will be able to see all the children and take pictures while enjoying a few songs performed by the children. We'd like to ask that parents do not stop the children while they are walking in the parade as this causes them to get separated from their class. The children will love sharing this fun activity with you.

FUN FOR FAMILIES!

Activities that bring families together!

Happy Jack

A simple Halloween craft for little ones

from **FamilyFun Magazine**



Total Time Needed:

1 Hour

Even preschoolers can "carve" this magnetic pumpkin, who happily haunts your fridge. The removable features make face-lifts easy.

Materials

- Self-adhesive magnetic sheet
- Orange paper
- Scissors
- Black paper

Instructions



1. Stick a self-adhesive magnetic sheet to a piece of orange paper, then cut out a simple pumpkin shape. Cut a stem and facial features from a magnetic sheet that's been covered with black paper.