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SMART-E-PANTS, INC.

October Newsletter

Curriculum Highlights

Heading into our second month of school, here's what you can be looking forward to. Our thematic units will be Tree House Club and Halloween. During our Tree House Club unit we will be learning about roots, color-changing leaves and the many treasures of trees. We would like each student to bring in 5-6 different types of leaves to contribute to our leaf collage by October 18th.

We will also be taking a field trip to the Post Canyon Trail and Rasmussen's. See the field trip section for further details.

Along with our Halloween unit, we will be learning about how pumpkins grow,

how to pick the perfect pumpkin, and how to cook a pumpkin.

Or shape for the month is the triangle, and our feature colors are black, orange, and white.

For our math, Spanish, and

All groups will continue to work on patterns, color recognition, and number recognition in our math and Spanish units. Particular attention will be placed on the numbers 0,8,9,1,2,3.

In language arts groups will continue to work on clock letters (a,c,d,f,g,o,q,u,s), fine motor control, and the correct way to hold a pencil. Younger kids will work on vocabulary development, while those kids who are ready, will begin working on the following line letters, b,e,h,i,j,k,l,m,n. This group will continue making additions to their "word board" by using the clock and line letter sounds to build words. We will continue to use the dry erase boards for now instead of paper so that we can get a lot of mass practice in.

**No School
Friday
Oct. 30th**

language arts table times, the kids have been placed into 3 groups base on their ability levels. This allows us to work with each group at their particular skill level.

Field Trips

On **Friday, October 9th**, we will be lacing up our hiking boots, and heading up the Post Canyon Trail. Local Hood River County forest service personal will be on hand to point out different types of plants, discuss how kids can stay safe in the woods, and show them what to do if they were to get lost in the woods. We will start our hike at Seven Streams, and conclude with an "off-the-trail" picnic lunch. Kids will need to bring a sack

lunch from home, and water bottle. Kids need to wear tennis shoes, NO flip-flops or sandals. We will leave Smart-E-Pants at 10:30 am.

On Tuesday, **Oct. 20th** we will be going to Rasmussen's Farm to pick pumpkins, run through the corn maze, and enjoy some fresh apple cider. We will be leaving Smart-E-Pants at 10:15 am. The cost is \$3.25 per child. This fee will be billed on the November billing cycle, so

there is no need to send cash.

Please be mindful of the weather. If it is pouring rain on either of these field trip days, we will reschedule.

If you are available to help with transportation for either of these field trips, or if your child does not normally attend on this day and would still like to join us, please let us know.

Costume Day--Thursday, October 29th

Kids are invited to dress up for the day. We will be playing games, and enjoy a "scary" lunch!

Smokey The Bear will be visiting— Day to be announced.

Ms. Mimi, Annika's grandmother, will be substituting Wednesday, Oct. 7th.

Special points of interest:

- *Feature Children: Massimo Blanco, Walker Dunn, Thorsen Welch*
- *Happy Birthday: Massimo Blanco will be 4 on the 9th, Allie Doss will be 5 on the 17th, Isis Stenn will be 4 on the 24th.*