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# October Newsletter

SMARTEPANTS, LLC

## Curriculum Highlights

### Down on the Farm

Heading into our second month of school, here's what you can be looking forward to. Our thematic units will be Down on the Farm and Halloween. During our Down on the farm unit we will be learning about all the different kinds of farms (wheat, fruit, animal, etc) and what we can find on the farm.



We will also be taking a field trip to Rasmussen's Farm to see healthy fruits and veggies along with pumpkins of course. See the field trip section for further details.

Along with our Hallow-

een unit, we will be learning about how pumpkins grow, how to pick the perfect pumpkin, and how to cook a pumpkin.

Our shape for the month

### Costume Party Thursday, Oct. 31st

is the triangle, and our feature colors are black, orange, and white.

For our math, spanish, and language arts table times, the kids have been placed into 3 groups based on their ability levels.

This allows us to work with each group at their particular skill level.

In our math and spanish groups we will continue to work on counting, sight recognition, beginning writing structure, and color recognition. In language arts groups we will continue to work in our workbooks, focusing on fine motor control, and the correct way to hold a pencil.

### \*\*Schedule Change For November:

Our Thanksgiving Feast will be November 20th and our days off will be the 28th and 29th.

### Field Trips

On Wednesday, **Oct. 16th** 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 10:40 am for a 10:55 arrival. **Please send a sack lunch**, because we will be eating at the pumpkin patch. 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.

On Wednesday, **Oct. 23** we will be going to the Hood River Fire Station **leaving at 9:30am**. They have planned a pre-school training week full of all sorts of fun activities.

Please be mindful of the weather. If it is pouring

rain, we will reschedule.

If you are available to help with transportation, 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 31st at 11:00 am

Kids are invited to dress up for the day. We will be playing games, and enjoy a "scary" lunch! Please bring a change of clothes for later in the day.



### Special points of interest:

- *Feature Children: Jazmene Mohr Andrade and Maxwell Corderio*
- *Happy Birthday: Jazmene Mohr Andrade will be 5 on the 1st, and Maxwell Corderio will be 4 on the 27th!*