

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER IS HERE!

Happy Fall Y'all!

September flew by and certainly kept us busy with lots of learning, laughter, and fun! October is here and we're excited to welcome a month filled with seasonal activities and autumn adventures. This month, our themes will include life on the farm, fire safety, and all things fall and some not so spooky Halloween fun!

We look forward to celebrating a fun and festive October together!



Little moments, big memories.



Nothing better than baby giggles!

VALA'S PUMPKIN PATCH

Our Pre-k classes will enjoy a special field trip to Vala's Pumpkin Patch on October 20th.

TRUNK OR TREAT

On Friday, October 30th, we will host our annual Parade and Trunk-or-Treat celebration at the center. To help things run smoothly, please send your child's labeled costume in a bag. Teachers will assist the children with dressing, and parents are welcome to join us by walking in the parade.

BOOK FAIR

Our Annual Book Fair will be November 2nd - November 7th!

Learning Through Play



Did you know?

Dramatic Play is more than just fun! When children pretend, dress up, and act out different roles, they build creativity, communication, problem-solving, and social-emotional skills. They're learning how to cooperate, express feelings, and understand the world around them. All through play!

DRAMATIC PLAY

CLASSROOM

The children got to pretend to be the teacher, help their friends, and explore all the jobs that keep our classroom running!

SKILLS WE BUILT:

- ✓ Taking turns & working together
- ✓ Recognizing names, letters, numbers & shapes
- ✓ Social skills
- ✓ Creativity & imagination



HOME LIVING

The children got to pretend to cook, clean, care for babies, and take on different family roles while exploring everyday life at home!

SKILLS WE BUILT:

- ✓ Understanding family roles
- ✓ Self-help & independence
- ✓ Responsibility
- ✓ Caring for others



DOCTOR

The children pretended to be doctors and nurses, cared for patients, and explored how people help keep us healthy!

Skills we built:

- ✓ Caring for others
- ✓ Communication & language
- ✓ Problem-solving



Reminders

- If your email, phone number or address has changed, please update them in the Procure App.
- If your child will be late or out for the day, please call the center or notify teachers on Procure by 9:00 a.m. for staffing purposes.
- School Age - if your child will **not** need to be transported by the vans either in the AM or PM, please call us to avoid a \$5.00 charge.

Upcoming Holidays

November 26th & 27th - Closed

December 24th & 25th - Closed

December 31st - Early Closure @ 3pm

January 1st - closed

IMPORTANT

INFORMATION

OCTOBER 2026

NO SCHOOL

Gretna: October 16-19

Millard: October 15-19

Sign up sheets will be at the front desk.

CENTER WIDE PJ DAY

October 22nd, we will be having a center wide pajama day. Wear your favorite comfy pjs!

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Our cookie dough fundraiser ends on October 2nd! Please have your orders turned in by the end of that day!



GROWING HEALTHY AND STRONG

Our classes enjoyed hands-on experiments showing how quickly germs can spread and how proper handwashing helps keep us and our friends healthy.

Clean hands, healthy kids!



October Curriculum

Academic Focus of the Month



Classroom Skills:

Care for Classroom and Other Materials

Character Skill:

Responsibility

Pre-K Goal:

Sequencing



Week of October 1st: Life on the Farm

Week of October 5th: Stop, Drop, & Roll

Week of October 12th: Signs of Fall

Week of October 19th: Monster Mash

Week of October 26th: Not so Spooky Halloween

october calendar



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Stop, Drop and Roll	5	6 	7	8	9 
Signs of Fall	12	13	14 	15 Milard No School	16 Milard & Gretna No School
Monster Mash	19	20 	21 	22 PAJAMA DAY	23 
Not so Spooky Halloween	26 	27 	28	29	30 HALLOWEEN PARTY

Academic Focus

Letters:

F, G, H

Numbers:

8, 9, 10, 11

Shape:

Square

Color:

Orange / Naranja

Classroom Skill:

Care for Classroom and others materials

Character Skill:

Responsibility

Pre-K Goal: Sequencing

COME READ GROW DREAM

BOOK FAIR



ADVENTURE

MAGIC

FRIENDSHIP

DISCOVERY

IMAGINE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Nov. 2nd – Nov 7th

Makes great
Christmas
gifts!



BOOKS OPEN MINDS & HEARTS

Support our school.. Inspire young readers. Build bright futures!

T R U N K

OR

T R E A T

Friday, October 30th
3pm



A signup sheet will be available
at the front desk for parents
who would like to volunteer for a trunk.

SPOOKY

WITCHES' BREW



Prep time:
5 minutes.



Servings:
4.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups apple cider
- 2 cups ginger ale or lemon-lime soda
- 1/2 cup cranberry juice (for a spooky blood-red color)
- 4 scoops vanilla ice cream or sherbet (to make a foamy 'witch's cauldron' top)

Optional:

Gummy worms or plastic spiders for the rim.

Instructions:

- 1 Pour the apple cider, ginger ale, and cranberry juice into a large pitcher.
- 2 Stir the juices together gently with a big spoon.
- 3 Scoop one large scoop of vanilla ice cream into each cup.
- 4 Ladle the mixed juice drink slowly over the ice cream.
- 5 Watch the ice cream fizz up and create a foamy, spooky top!
- 6 Add gummy worms hanging over the edge of the cup for extra fun.





KID CONNECTION

Fun Things to Do in Omaha, NE This October



Zootacular at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo: Oct. 14, 16-18, 23-25, & 30

A not-so-spooky celebration with costumes, creatures, and candy stations!



Wicked Plants at Lauritzen Gardens: Oct. 3-31

Explore the gardens after dark with spooky plants, glowing lights, and fun for all ages.



Halloween Trick-or-Treat Days at Omaha Children's Museum: Oct. 30-31

Dress up and enjoy trick-or-treating, games, and festive fun inside the museum!



Explore pumpkin patches and apple orchards

Pick pumpkins, enjoy hayrides, and savor fresh fall flavors close to home.



Enjoy fall hikes and colorful leaves

Find scenic trails and enjoy Omaha's beautiful autumn colors.



Slide and play at Gene Leahy Mall

Climb, slide, and splash at the playground and water feature along the riverfront.



Look for library crafts and family programs

Omaha libraries offer storytimes, crafts, and special events all month long.



Visit the Old Market Farmers Market

Shop local produce, baked goods, flowers, and handmade treats.

DID YOU KNOW?



Omaha is home to one of the world's best zoos.



Lauritzen Gardens is Omaha's botanical garden.



Try a family Omega scavenger hunt: find a bridge, a mural, a leaf, and a local treat.



Ask a grown-up to help check event dates before you go.



FUN FOR PARENTS + KIDS



Choose one **free** activity to enjoy together this month.



Make a fall photo challenge—capture leaves, landmarks, and happy moments!



End the outing with hot cider or a favorite snack.



Event details may change, so check official local calendars before heading out.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Child Birthdays

- 🍁 Sky A. — 10/02
- 🍂 Camilla T. — 10/03
- 🍂 Callum L. — 10/04
- 🍃 Grayson N. — 10/19
- 🍁 Hadley G. — 10/20
- 🍂 Eloise W. — 10/24
- 🍃 Patrick M. — 10/24

Staff Birthdays

- 🍁 Laura C. — 10/06
- 🍂 Rylee J. — 10/20
- 🍃 Brenda B. — 10/29

Let's celebrate our
October birthdays!

October

Employee of the Month

Layla Lang-Moore



Sunflowers



4 years



Patient, kind, loving



FAVORITE STORE:

Target



DREAM VACATION:

The Bahamas



FAVORITE COLOR:

Pink



FAVORITE SNACK:

hummus and pita chips



FAVORITE DRINK:

Dr Pepper

FAVORITE HOBBIES:

reading and walking

Thank you for all you do!

October

Pant-Time

Employee

of the Month



Birthday: May 15th



How long have you worked here:
1 year



Favorite color: pink or yellow



Favorite snack/candy:
rainbow bites



Favorite drink: Hyper Energy



Favorite store to shop at:
Altar'd State



Favorite hobby: Cheer



Mercy Christensen

Floater



Favorite movie or TV show:
Footloose



Favorite music artist or genre:
country or worship music



Favorite holiday: 4th of July



Favorite animal: seahorse



Favorite thing about working with children: watching them grow



Three words that describe me:
loving, funny, caring



Favorite quote or saying:
Matthew 6:28-30



Something people might be surprised to learn about me: I do nails



Bucket list:
to go to a different country



Pets: dog (Chance)

Thank you for all you do!

Garden Patch Drawing Contest Winner!



Morgan Feala

**Morgan drew what they love most
about Garden Patch: her friends!**

My favorite thing about
garden patch are my friends."