

October Newsletter

Garden Patch CLC

October Birthdays

Lincoln O.	October 11
Beatrice H.	October 15
Morgan L.	October 17
Ophelia H.	October 26
Oakley S.	October 30



We provide activities of all kinds for children to explore their world and use their imagination.

As a mom, I have definitely been guilty of searching and searching for the perfect gift for my children. I've listened intently to what they wanted or found interest in while playing at a friend's house. I've tracked the best price, the perfect time to buy, and wrapped it all up with the anticipation of what my child's face will look like while opening.

I've also watched as their attention was quickly turned to playing with the box the gift came in, a paper towel tube randomly found, or a piece of bubble wrap. My immediate reaction was typically, "I just bought you something to play with!" But over time, I began to realize that they were being creative.

When kids don't have something specific to do, that's when they often start using their imagination. They make up their own games, figure things out, and find ways to turn ordinary things into something fun. A cardboard box can become a fort. A paper towel tube can become a telescope. A blanket can become a superhero cape.

So this month, don't be afraid to let your child be bored. You don't have to immediately find something for them to do or hand them a screen. Let them be bored for a little while and see what happens. They might surprise you.

Jill Weidenbach, Director

Picture Day – Pictures are scheduled for October 13

Picture day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13 (8:30-noon) for all children infants - Pre-k.

Additional details and print/image ordering information will be sent out before picture day. All children will have their pictures taken regardless of ordering

School pictures are moving to FALL!

Chicken Cacciatore Subs

4 pieces boneless, skinless chicken breast
Grill seasoning blend, or salt and pepper
2 cloves garlic, cracked away from the skins
2 large portobello mushroom caps, sliced
1 large onion, white or brown skinned, sliced
1 1/2 c. dry red wine or chicken stock
2 to 3 Tbsp. chopped flat-leaf parsley

Extra-virgin olive oil
4 sub rolls, split
1 tsp. red crushed pepper flakes
1 green bell pepper, seeded and sliced
1 tsp. dried oregano
1 (14 oz) can, crushed tomatoes
1 1/2 lb. deli sliced provolone

Heat a grill pan or large skillet. Drizzle chicken with oil to cover and season with grill seasoning blend or salt and pepper. Grill or pan-fry 6 minutes on each side.

Heat broiler, lightly toast rolls on cookie sheet and remove.

Heat a large skillet over medium high heat. Add 2 tablespoons oil, garlic, crushed red pepper flakes, mushrooms, peppers, onions and oregano. Sauté veggies and season with salt and pepper. Cook 5 minutes, then deglaze the pan with wine or stock.

Pick up tasty bits off the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon or heat safe spatula. Add tomatoes and parsley to the sauce. Slice chicken breasts on an angle and set into sauce.

Pile chicken and veggies into sub rolls and cover with sliced provolone. Melt cheese under hot broiler. Serve.



Thanksgiving Luncheon – Save the Date

We are excited to announce we will be holding our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on

Friday, November 20th

Additional details will follow in next month's newsletter.
We are looking forward to holding this fun event!

Celebrating Milestones

Join us in celebrating staff who are marking work anniversaries this month. Thanks for being part of what makes our team great!

10 years

Rohina R.

Duckling's Teacher

1 year

Lexi L.

Floating Teacher

Join us for a Halloween Parade!

We will hold our annual Halloween costume parade at 2:00pm on Friday, October 30th for all children in the 12 months and older classrooms.

Our plan will be to hold this parade outside (weather permitting) so we can space out the parade and any parents or family members that would like to watch. We will send out additional details closer to the event with specific plans.

If weather does not cooperate, we will move it inside.



Has your child had immunizations recently?

If so, bring us a copy of the shot records so we can keep our records up-to-date.

Records can be brought in (we'll make a copy, too), emailed to us, or faxed to 402-991-1519.

Thank you for your help with this!

Honoring our Veterans – Send us your pictures

To honor our veterans for Veterans Day, we are asking for families to share a picture of their favorite veteran(s).

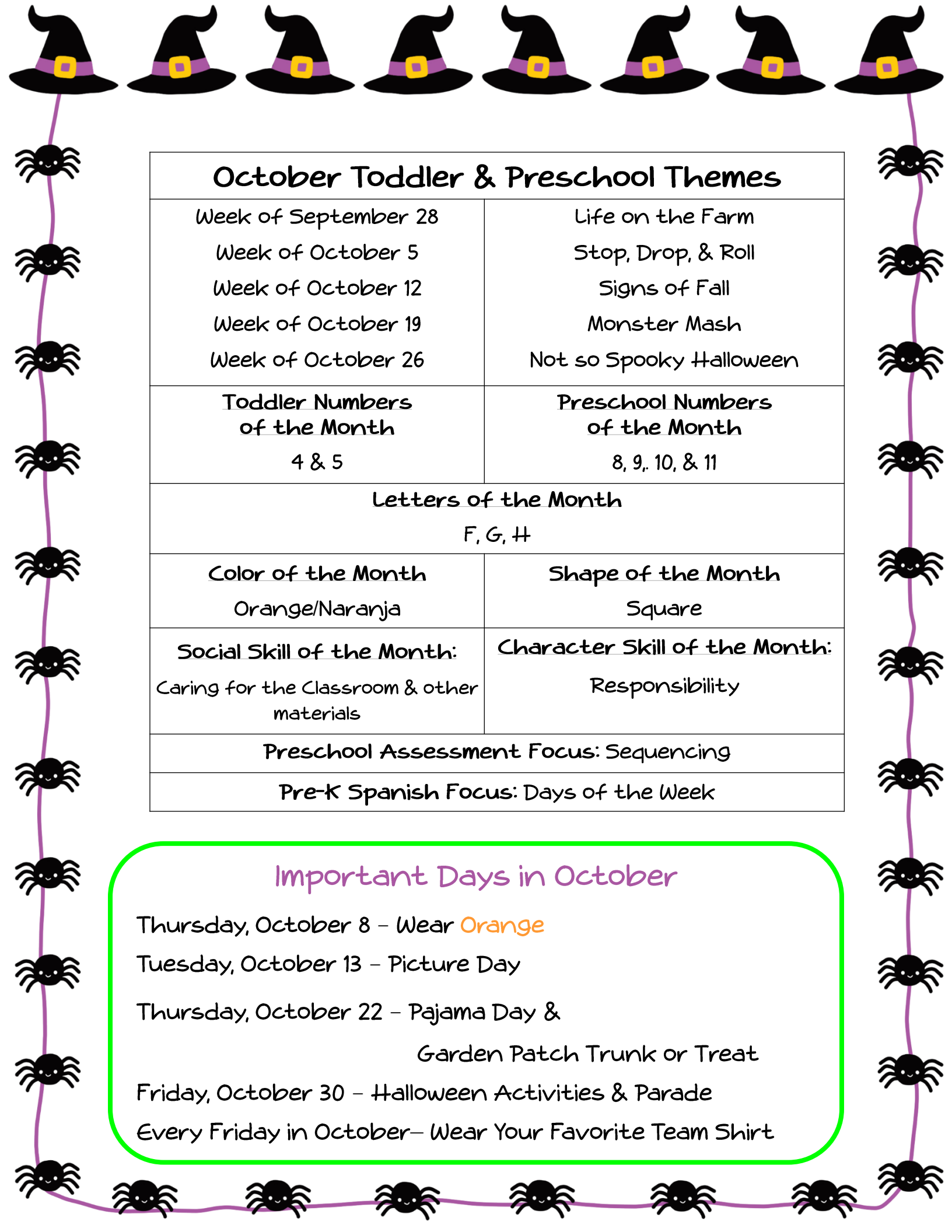
Pictures should be 3x5 to 5x7 in size. Please include your veteran's name and military branch. We ask that these not be original photos. We can make a copy, if needed.

We will display these veterans at the end of the month and into November as Veteran's Day approaches.



Help us honor our veterans who gave or are still giving so much!





October Toddler & Preschool Themes	
Week of September 28 Week of October 5 Week of October 12 Week of October 19 Week of October 26	Life on the Farm Stop, Drop, & Roll Signs of Fall Monster Mash Not so Spooky Halloween
Toddler Numbers of the Month 4 & 5	Preschool Numbers of the Month 8, 9, 10, & 11
Letters of the Month F, G, H	
Color of the Month Orange/Naranja	Shape of the Month Square
Social Skill of the Month: Caring for the Classroom & other materials	Character Skill of the Month: Responsibility
Preschool Assessment Focus: Sequencing	
Pre-K Spanish Focus: Days of the Week	

Important Days in October

Thursday, October 8 – Wear **Orange**

Tuesday, October 13 – Picture Day

Thursday, October 22 – Pajama Day &

Garden Patch Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 30 – Halloween Activities & Parade

Every Friday in October– Wear Your Favorite Team Shirt