



# 3 & 4 Preschool News

## This Week's Activities

This week was all about pumpkins! But we also fit in many other fun learning activities as well.

Tuesday we stayed in the classroom and enjoyed the following activities:

### Literacy

We introduced the letter S and practiced identifying it out of a group of letters and we also spent time working in our name folders with a teacher.

### Math

During group time we practiced identifying numbers 0–5. Each child was given a pumpkin cut out and 5 pumpkin seeds. I would hold up a number card and the children would then identify the number and then count out that number of seeds to place on his/her pumpkin.

### Art Exploration

We mixed yellow and red finger paint to make orange! Next week we will be making Jack-o-Lanterns from our finger paint art.

### Sensory Table

This week we have "Moon Sand" in the table along with sand molds of the letters and numbers we have worked with so far at school.

### Dramatic Play

We have transformed the dramatic play area into a "Pumpkin Bake Shop". We have pumpkin pie scented play dough and kitchen utensils available for the children to create their own unique, make believe pumpkin desserts!

### Block Area

We have added Legos and the Lego table and Waffle Blocks to this center this week.

### Listening Center

This week we have *Pumpkin Eye* by Denise Fleming.

### Stories

We read *Growing A Pumpkin Pie* by Jane E Gerver during story time.

### Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

Thursday we spent at the Craig & Marnie Hansen residence exploring. During our trip I read the book *It's Pumpkin Time* by Zoe Hall to the children, we then moved on to explore an actual pumpkin patch to find pumpkins to take home. After we found our pumpkins we enjoyed some pumpkin goodies and some playtime. To end our day we played the name game, "Pick From The Patch". It is just like "Who Stole The Cookie From The Cookie Jar" only with pumpkins!

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### Special points of interest:

- ☺ Monday, Oct. 10—**NO SCHOOL**
- ☺ Wednesday, Oct. 12—**Fire Station Field Trip**
- ☺ Friday, Oct. 14—**PRESCHOOL IN SESSION**

### Volunteer Opportunities

Join us at the  
fire station!

## Next Week

Next week we will be discussing fire safety. We will begin our week with a field trip to the Dell Rapids Fire Station. After our visit we will return to the classroom and continue to discuss fire safety through a variety of activities and simple projects.

Also next week I will be introducing the letter P and we will work with it during our center activities. We will also continue to work in our name folders.

Please work at home

with your child in identifying the letters in his/her first name and placing them in the correct order. Also, if they are interested, practicing writing these letters with pencil, pen, chalk, paint, or what ever interests your child! Have a great weekend

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Primary Business Address  
Your Address Line 2  
Your Address Line 3  
Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555  
Fax: 555-555-5555  
Email: xyz@microsoft.com

Your business tag line here.



This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

## Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

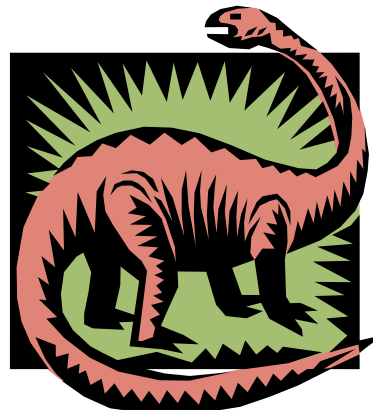
A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all

employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a bi-annual charity auction.



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If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.