



## October Wrap Up

October was filled with many fun and exciting fall, pumpkin, and Halloween activities. I hope you are enjoying the work we have been bringing home. We have been busy exploring our school environment and the nature around us! It is great fun to go on walks and observe different elements of nature (bugs, clouds, pinecones, leaves, etc.). We have all been making great growth this term in the academic areas and I am excited to share that with you at conferences.



## November Overview

Gobble, gobble, gobble! November has arrived and there are many things to be thankful for. This month, the children will be able to explore and experience activities that relate to giving thanks.

### Second Step

This month we will be talking about fair ways to play, having fun with friends, inviting and joining in play.

### Letter of the Week Sharing

Nov 4<sup>th</sup>- Ii      Nov 11<sup>th</sup>- Uu  
Nov 18<sup>th</sup>- Review-No Sharing

**Pint Size Science-** In the middle of this month we will begin our next unit of Gizmos and Gadgets.

### Math and Numbers

Our focus will be on describing shapes, ordinal numbers, adding and taking away, comparing, and simple measurements.

### Literacy and Language

This month we will work on emergent writing skills, filling in missing rhymes, noticing when words begin the same way, and syllables.

### Monthly Theme

This month we will talk about friendship, family, and traditions.

## Upcoming Dates:

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>** Book Orders Due

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>** Jack SPLAT!  
Pumpkin Sky Diving  
Iowa Children's  
Museum 6:00-7:00

**Nov 7<sup>th</sup>** Pajama Story time  
Iowa City Public  
Library 6:30-7:00

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>** Parent Teacher  
Conference  
2:30-6:30

**Nov 13<sup>th</sup>** Thanksgiving  
Book Drive &  
Activities  
Iowa Children's  
Museum 11:00-1:00

**Nov 16<sup>th</sup>** No School- All  
day Parent  
Teacher  
Conferences

**Nov 16<sup>th</sup>** IC Public Library  
Music on Wed.  
12:00-1:00 Preucil  
School of Music  
1:00-2:300 Finding  
Dory Showing

**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>** No School- Fall  
**Nov 25<sup>th</sup>** break

**Nov 25<sup>th</sup>** STEM Family Free  
Night- Iowa  
Children's  
Museum 5-8pm



# Math Aspects at Home

## GEOMETRY

- Have your child name the shapes of cookie cutters or blocks.
- Arrange cookie cutters in patterns on a cookie sheet or placemat. A simple pattern might be: star- circle- star-circle.

## Number Sense

- Count food items at mealtime (ex. 5 baby carrots, 20 raisins, 10 crackers).
- Use a calendar to count down the days to a birthday or special holiday. Help your child see the connections between a numeral like "5", the word "five," and five days on the calendar.
- Practice simple addition and subtraction using small toys and blocks.
- Play simple board games where your child moves a game piece from one position to the next.

## Measurement

- Let your child help you measure ingredients for a simple recipe- preferably a favorite!
- Measure your child's height every month or so, showing how you use a yardstick or tape measure. Mark his or her height on a "growth chart" or a mark on a door frame. Do the same with any siblings. Help your child compare his or her own height to previous months and also to his or her siblings' heights.



## Spatial Relations

- Play games where you direct your child to jump forward and back, to run far from you or stay nearby, go in front or behind, high or low, in between, or beside.

## Math Language

- Talk through games and daily activities that involve math concepts.
- Have your child name numbers and shapes while riding in a car or on a walk.
- Help him or her understand and express comparisons like more than/less than, bigger/smaller, and near/far.

