



# Van Allen Preschool

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## Our Week in Preschool

Upcoming Dates...

October 26—Picture  
retake day

Nov. 13—  
Parent/teacher confer-  
ences, no school for  
students

Please keep in mind that  
the hours of the pro-  
grams are:

8:45-11:15 AM

12:45-3:45 PM

We will open the door 5  
minutes prior to start-  
ing. Thank you for un-  
derstanding.

The staff may be in the  
room at other times but  
have additional responsi-  
bilities to prepare for  
the program. Thank you!

It's been pretty batty in preschool this week. We spent time learning about bats and owls. One of our new vocabulary words is nocturnal. Our stories included Owl Babies, Wise Up, Silly Owl, Stellaluna, Little Bat and Bats Around the Clock. Mrs. Staskal, Van Allen's instructional design strategist, was our guest reader on Friday and read I Know An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Bat. We are continuing to work on rhyming words and we have started listening for sylla-

bles in words. In small groups, we've been working on colors and shapes as well as the right way to hold a crayon or pencil. We've also been counting and identifying numerals.

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## Looking forward...

Next week will be all about pumpkins! We will be comparing sizes and weights and even conduct an experiment using pumpkin guts!



## Curriculum

Our Read It Again book next week is Pumpkin Circle. The objectives include recognizing left-to-right and top-to-bottom directionality of print, understanding and using words representing time concepts (before, after), segmenting words (syllables) and identifying one or more major event in a story.



Conferences are coming up! If you haven't signed up for a conference yet, please let me know and we can get you on the schedule. At conferences I will share information on your child's progress and ways you can support your child at home.



We will be going outside everyday. Shoes (tennis shoes or other closed shoes) are preferred as they are safer on the playground when the children are running. When it is warm, we always make sure the children get drinks when we come in. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. We will do our best to keep clothing with the right child but it is helpful if you can label your child's belongings. Thank you.



If your child is going to be absent, please call and let us know because we care and it also helps us plan our day. Thank you! 688-1185 or you can email me at [majerick.sarah@iowacityschools.org](mailto:majerick.sarah@iowacityschools.org)



Halloween is coming! Wanting to be respectful of families' beliefs and customs, we keep it very simple. Our conversations are usually limited to pumpkins, bats and owls. Topics such as witches and ghosts are kept to a minimum.

We will have a special celebration on October 30.

The children may wear their costumes to school that day, assuming they can move about easily. We will do some special centers and have a special snack. Questions? Please ask!



**This has been a great year so far! Thank you for being such good partners in your child's education!**

**Weather news...** If school is dismissing early for any reason, there is NO PM preschool. If school is delayed for any reason, there is NO AM preschool. This information will be on the district webpage as well as on the district's Facebook page.

Also, when it gets colder, we will not play outside if the temperature or wind chill is 15 degrees or less.



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## WORD WORK!

Each morning during circle time we do Word Work. This is time that we work on rhyming words, beginning sounds, syllables and other phonetic skills with increasing difficulties. Each week the words relate to a nursery rhyme or familiar song.

Next week our rhyme is This Is The House That Jack Built.

