



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!

We've been busy learning about fall. We have been reading stories about and doing projects with leaves. Leaf Man was a favorite story and the process of making our own leaf people was fun, too. Unfortunately the leaves seem to be slow to change outside so we haven't been able to examine any real leaves that are fall colored. If you happen to find any, please send them in! Our rhyme this week was I Know An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly. That's a fun rhyme/

story. We are continuing to learn about letters and numbers. We count a lot of things throughout the day, boys, girls, teachers, etc. We were also using the SMARTBoard, counting leaves.

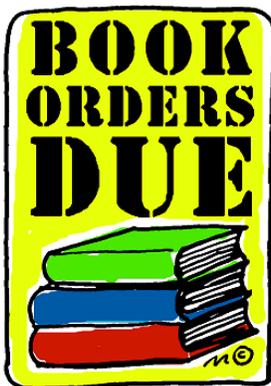
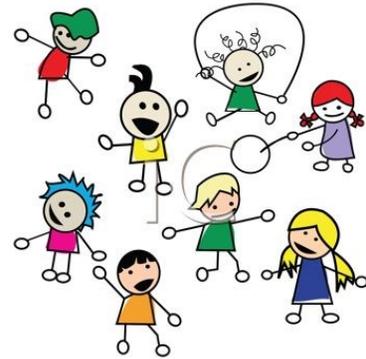
Looking forward...

Next week we will continue to talk about fall, including spiders, pumpkins and owls.



Curriculum

Our Read It Again book next week is The Night Before Preschool. The learning objectives include recognizing that print carries meaning, understand and use new words that represent spatial concepts (over, under, behind, inside), identifying 2 words that rhyme and describing the setting and characters of the story.



I am attaching the October book order. If you would like to place an order, please do so by Wednesday October 21.



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



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 31.

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.



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 Three Little Kittens.

