

## Curriculum Corner - October

September seems to have been swept away by a flurry of fun fall activities and natural changes taking place all around us. The children enjoyed using their senses to explore apples, make fabulous fall trees and lovely leaf wreaths. We have delved into wonderful fiction and non-fiction literature on the season of fall and enjoyed rich discussions in the classrooms about the fabulous season that embraces us all with warmth, color and tradition. On October 3<sup>rd</sup> through October 14<sup>th</sup>, the children at Educational Playcare will enjoy meeting some of the helpers in our community and



learn about the important roles they play. All three centers will enjoy hosting visitors such as local police officers with their cruisers, fire fighters with their fire trucks, school bus drivers and their busses, nurses, a dental hygienist, and possibly a visit from librarians and garbage truck drivers. Throughout this unit, the children will explore things that are yellow such as play dough, paint, collage materials, egg yolks, ziti, bananas, and even mashed potato flakes. Preschoolers will learn that the letter b makes the sound /b/ as in the word bus,

and will uncover many other words that begin with the consonant b. Children who are developmentally ready and interested will be provided with an opportunity to learn how to write the letter b and illustrate an accompanying picture of something beginning with the letter b.

The third week of October will provide us with fun and exciting literary frights and delights as we explore the wacky world of monsters and feelings.



Characters from Sesame Street, Maurice Sendak's "Where the Wild Things Are," Mercer Mayer's, "There is a Nightmare in my Closet," and "Go Away Big Green Monster," by Ed Emberly will surely bring out a lot of wonderful emotions to explore within the context of a fun, safe and nurturing application. Following the week of unusual, but warm and fuzzy little monsters is the theme of Halloween. During the week of October 24<sup>th</sup>, all of our friends will enjoy pretending to be witches, making a magical concoction of cornstarch and water.

They will marvel at its properties of being both a solid and a liquid as they manipulate it with their scientist hands and with their inquisitive minds. The children will spin a class spider web with yarn, and make prune and pretzel stick spider treats to eat, as well as carve and explore pumpkins and their seeds with their senses. Children will create the color orange by mixing yellow and red together as well as create spooky, but bootiful white billowing ghosts to float around in their classrooms. Preschoolers will uncover the sights and sounds of the letter G by playing fun games, fingerplays, and tracing, drawing and writing the letter G or a symbol for it. The autumn wind continues to blow and riding gently on its back, is the month of November with new exciting adventures of learning through play at Educational Playcare. We wish you all a continued happy fall.

