



Autumn/Woods

EC Classroom Newsletter - October

This month, we will be celebrating the change of season with a focus on trees and how they help animals and people. We plan to make great use of our outdoor learning environment by working with rakes and wheelbarrows as well as, engaging in tree study. A highlight will be setting up our own outdoor pumpkin patch with real pumpkins! Information about Halloween and what this looks like for our EC students will be coming home soon. We are excited about participating with kindergarten in the AGS/EC Fun Run on October 3rd! Please be sure to sponsor your child.



Home Activity

All About My Leaf

Target Skills: SCIENCE

11.A.ECd: *Collect, describe, compare, and record information from observations and investigations.*

Autumn is a great time to explore nature! Last month, the children learned to focus their attention. This is a prerequisite for developing the observation skills needed for early scientific thinking. **We will be sending home a leaf collecting activity** for your child and would like your assistance with:

- finding a special leaf
- examining and recording information about your child's leaf

Please have your child bring the completed page back to school to share!

Core Literature



Grow Tree Grow by Ellen Dreyer

Who is in the Forest? by Phillis Gershator

A Tree is Nice by Janice May Udry

We're Going On a Leaf Hunt by Steve Metzger

www.allthingsec.com

Website will have classroom music!



Nursery Rhyme



Five Little Pumpkins

Second Step

In October, lessons will focus on:

- Identifying feelings
- More feelings
- Identifying anger

This aligns with our PBIS classroom practices of **Be Ready, Be a Friend, and Be Safe.**



Important Dates

- Oct. 4th - No EC (Screening)
- Oct. 8th - No School (Columbus Day)
- Oct. 16 - Picture retake day
- Oct. 18th - EC Parent Education Night: Mindful Parenting from 6-7pm (babysitting included!)
- Nov. 1st & 2nd - EC Parent-Teacher Conferences

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Always
Learning,
Always
Growing

PTO News / Upcoming Events

Thank you everyone who supported the Gus Market, and the Pal Joey's dine around in September, we fully appreciate your support! We have an exciting month of events planned for October, and as a reminder, please register your pledges for the Gator Fun Run at <http://www.FUNRUN.com>.

10/3 EC Gator Fun Run

10/9 PTO meeting in the LRC at 7p. Everyone is welcome to attend.

10/17- Pumpkin Patch Set UP- **Watch for Sign Up Genius!**

10/17 Enticing Cuisine dine around

Reminder...

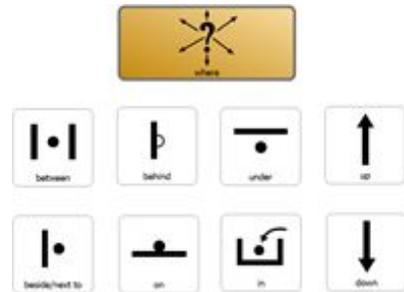
Please stay informed and volunteer to help out or donate to our efforts in any way you are able. Look for our emails & monthly notes home about events. Visit our web site at www.AGSPTO.org for information, calendars, links and forms, you can also join our AGS ECC Parents club on facebook for reminders and updates from our EC Parent Reps Andrea Whitt and Gretchen Grant. If you have any questions feel free to contact our EC PTO reps via their PTO email earlychildhoodrep@agspto.org.

Speech and Language Story Time

This month we will talk, read, and learn about trees. We will also practice some of the following concepts: sorting and categories, sizes and shapes, and location concepts.

Literature:

October 2nd- Fall Is Not Easy by Marty Kelley
October 16th- A Tree for Me by Nancy Van Laan
October 23rd- We Love Fall by Diane Muldrow
Week of October 31st- Halloween stories:
Mouse's First Halloween and
The Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything



Feel free to contact me via email or phone with any of your questions, comments, or ideas!
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Illustrate one concept

Reminders

As the cooler Fall weather approaches we want to make sure that our youngest learners are safe and comfortable while they play outdoors. We will be going out to the playground each day this month unless there are inclement weather conditions. Please make sure to send your child with a **labeled** coat or sweatshirt, a hat if needed and appropriate footwear. Flip flops, or shoes without backs make it difficult for students to utilize the climber, ride tricycles, and participate in group games. Gym shoes or sneakers are the preferred footwear for gross motor activities.

Essential Questions

These are provocative questions that will foster inquiry, understanding, and transfer of learnings.

How can you tell something is alive?

Who/What needs trees?

How are trees different from one another?

Why are trees important?

Enduring Understandings

Trees are alive.

Trees change with the season.

Trees help animals.

Trees help people.

Autumn Woods October Unit

Essential Learnings

These are "working on" statements that connect to the Standards and are in "child-friendly" language.

Language Arts

I am working on... recalling some details of a story. 2B.ECb

I am working on... examining letters so I can recognize my name. 4B.Ecb

Math

I am working on... counting so I know how many. 6.A.ECa

I am working on... examining items so I can sort. 7.A.ECa

I am working on ... using items to measure so I can learn about size. 7.A.ECb

I am working on... following directions so I understand spatial locations. 9.B.ECa

Science

I am working on.. collecting items so I can examine them. 11.A.ECd

I am working on... noticing change in my world. 12.A.ECb

I am working on... describing what I know about living things. 12.B.ECa

5 Little Pumpkins



5 little pumpkins sitting on a gate.

The first one said, "Oh my it's getting late!"

The second one said, "There's a chill in the air."

The third one said, "But we don't care!

The fourth one said, "We're ready for some fun!"

The fifth one said, "Let's run and run and run!"

So whoooooooo went the wind,

And out went the lights,

And five little pumpkins all rolled out of sight!