

October 2022

Weather and Seasons: Autumn

October 3-7

- ◆ **Discussion:** Talk about Autumn and how the weather changes. "What does it look like outside?" "What does it feel like outside?" Use the Clevertouch to explore how other places of the world experience Autumn
- ◆ **Outside Activities:** I Spy Scavenger Hunt
- ◆ **Sensory Exploration:** Autumn Sensory Writing Tray
- ◆ **Arts & Crafts:** Watercolor Coffee Filter Leaves; Acorn Handprint Craft; Cork Printed Autumn Tree
- ◆ **Children's Choice:** Leaf Crown; Painting Pine Cones; D-I-Y Leaf People; Crayon Leaf Rubbings

Pumpkin STEM: Simple Tools and Machines

October 17-21

- ◆ **Discussion:** Define S.T.E.A.M: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. Watch the Life Cycle of a Pumpkin on the Clevertouch
- ◆ **STEAM:** Read the book *Sophie's Squash* and then decorate your own squash pal
- ◆ **Science Experiment:** Erupting pumpkins with baking soda and vinegar; explore seeds and pulp
- ◆ **Arts & Crafts:** Colorful Pumpkin Seed Art
- ◆ **Cooking Project:** Pumpkin Pie in a Cup; Pumpkin Pancakes, 2-Ingredient Pumpkin Clay

Special Events :

October 7: Spirit Shirt Day; wear your favorite Turtle Rock shirt!

October 10-14: School Portraits
**Detailed schedule to follow*

October 18 & 19: Pumpkin Patch in the atrium (Each child will take home a decorated pumpkin)

October 20: The Great Shakeout Worldwide Earthquake Drill at 10:15am

October 21: Kindergarten Parent Conferences-
**Kindergarten & ASA Closed*

October 21: Kid's Night Out; Sign-up through our TW@TR weekly e-mail

October 27: Read for the Record - *Nigel and the Moon By, Antwan Eady*

October 28: Halloween School Bash; School Closure at 5:00 PM
**More details to follow*

October 31: Trunk-or-Treat Halloween Parade

October 10-November 7: Parent-Teacher Mini Zoom Conferences

Essential Workers

October 10-14

- ◆ **Discussion:** "Who are Essential Workers?" Talk about people in our community. Use "clue cards" to learn more about each worker
- ◆ **Arts & Crafts:** Community Helper Wheels; cutting, coloring and assembling
- ◆ **Nature Walk:** Walk to the mailbox to deliver mail
- ◆ **Science Experiment:** "Elephant Toothpaste"; yeast and hydrogen peroxide chemical reaction
- ◆ **Math:** Magnetic Mail Number Matching
- ◆ **Dramatic Play:** Pretend to work at a local business

Spooky Spectacular

October 24-28

- ◆ **Discussion:** "The thing most spooky to me is..."
- ◆ **Sensory Exploration:** "Frankenstein" Dough (cornstarch, conditioner and green coloring)
- ◆ **CleverTouch:** Video reading of *Room on the Broom* by Julia Donaldson & Axel Shacheffler; conduct a book inspired art activity
- ◆ **Science Experiment:** Boo Bubbles- Dry Ice Science
- ◆ **Arts & Crafts:** Mummy creations using gaze & lacing with black yarn
- ◆ **Cooking Project:** Skeleton Rolls; Spooky Spider Balls



Monthly Concepts:

Shape: *Triangle* ▲ Color: *Black*

Motor Development: *Balancing*

Value: *Cooperation*

Opposites: *Loud & Quiet*

