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# October

## 2022

Here's What We'll Be Up To...

Hello Toddler Town Families &  
**WELCOME October!!!**

October theme is:

**OCTOBER FUN!**

During the month Of October, we will be discussing the  
following:

1. Trees
2. School Bus and Fire Safety
3. Apples
4. Pumpkins

**Here are some Special Dates to remember:**

**October 10<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day & Indigenous Day  
(Center Closed)**

**October 5<sup>th</sup> World Teacher's Day**

**October 12<sup>th</sup>– Farmers Day**

**October 15<sup>th</sup> Sweetest Day**

**Monthly Observance and Celebration**

- Fire Safety Month
- National Hispanic Heritage month
- National Pizza Month
- Family History Month





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# Announcements!

## Important Info!

We are now in the Autumn/Fall Season and the Hot weather is officially gone! Please dress your child accordingly and please be sure to update your child's cubby bin. Keep in mind that Students go outside daily as long as it's between 32 and 92 degrees.

If possible, please label your children's belongings.

At Toddler Town Daycare, outside/home food and outside/home toys are not allowed or permitted at our center. Please keep home toys at home or in your vehicle, and, if you want your child to eat food outside our center, please have your child finish it in the car, but do not take it further in the school, it will be tossed out. Also, cups allowed in the center are only cups that have water or that are empty, if you bring a cup or bottle containing anything else, we will send it back home. Please refer to your Toddler Town Parent policy handbook regarding these rules.

PROCARE ENGAGEMENT PROVIDES ALL THE SOURCES TO BE UP TO DATE WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON IN OUR CENTER.

This includes Paying through the app, receiving documents, receiving important updates, communicating with teachers, and so much more. Ask us about ProCare Engagement!



## REMINDERS!

Toddler Town Too closes promptly at 5PM. Any time after that, families get charged \$15 every 10 minutes.

### Tuition

Please Don't forget that payments must be made on the 1st & 15th of every month. On the first you either pay full tuition, or half of the tuition. If you pay only half on the 1st, you have until the 15th to pay the other half. Late fees will be applied for no payments after the first and also to unpaid balances after the 15th .

### Payment Reminders for October 2022:

#### October 3<sup>RD</sup> 2022

Payment Option One: Pay in Full  
Payment Option Two: Pay Half of Tuition  
Balance

#### October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022-

\*All balances must be fully paid in order to avoid any interruption during Drop off. \*

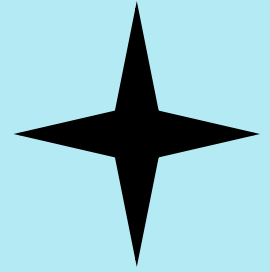
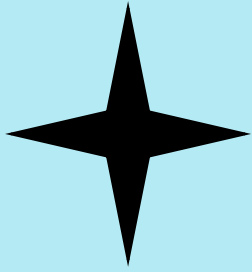


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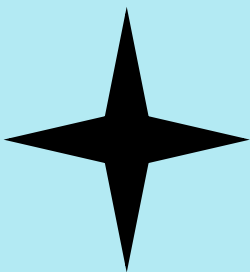


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# Tips and Ideas for Home

## 5 Tips to Help Your Child Be Resilient:

***Support and teach your  
child skills as they take risks.***

Resource: [Catherine Gruener's Encouragement Parenting Tips for October - The Wellness Universe Blog](#)

1. Do not do for your child what they can do. When we do for them instead of allowing them to do for themselves, we not only rob them of the satisfaction and natural reward of feeling accomplished, but we can also unconsciously send the message that we don't believe they can do it.

2. Have faith in your child as they face as many challenges as possible in their daily lives. Remember that we want to send the message that we believe in them and teach them coping skills. Children who learn coping skills early in life have a leg up from other children who have not learned that they are capable of problem-solving their issues or handling difficulty. They will become more confident.

3. It is important that children learn how to deal with disappointment and strengthen their ability to sustain, deal, and overcome uncomfortable or less pleasant feelings like frustration, loss, loneliness, and embarrassment. Resist the urge to fix the feeling or the problem for the child. Support their expressing and processing their feelings in healthy ways.

4. Help your child problem solve without giving them your solution, and if they cannot think of a way to solve their problem, offer them 2 solutions to choose from. Guide them in being creative and coming up with ideas on how to solve their own problems. Support them in solving problems when they are calm, not when they are emotionally ridden. Be supportive when their choices do not work out. Ask them what else they can do, rather than tell them what they should do. When we tell our children what to do, we can make them dependent upon us and others.

5. Model resiliency to your child.



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# Tips and Ideas for Home

## Fun Things to Do This Fall in Chicago and Illinois

### **1. Visit the world's largest corn maze in Illinois**

About an hour and a half north of Chicago and just south of the Wisconsin border is [Richardson Adventure Farm](#), home of the world's largest corn maze. This farm is more than a maze. There is a petting zoo, giant slides, bounce pillows, ORB rides (picture yourself inside a giant ball rolling down a hill), a zip line, train, and fudge shop.

Another corn maze in Chicago is [Hardy's Reindeer Ranch](#) in Rantoul (near Champaign) where visitors will find a ten acre corn maze to explore. There's also a pumpkin launching cannon, hay rides, pedal cars, and reindeer tours too. Yes, there are reindeer here! It's definitely a fun day out!

### **2. Take a fall hike in Illinois**

Chicago has an abundance of parks, hiking trails, and Lake Michigan beachfront perfect for exploring on a beautiful fall day. One of our favorite hikes is Starved Rock State Park in Utica, Illinois, especially when the leaves start to change colors.

The park has over 18 canyons carved by snow runoff and natural springs, creating a breathtaking landscape. There are over thirteen miles of well marked trails for families to explore, and it makes for a perfect day trip from Chicago.

In southern Illinois, a visit to Shawnee National Forest to explore Garden of the Gods wilderness area and Cave-in-Rock State Park shouldn't be missed. Cave-in-Rock is a 55 foot wide cave overlooking the Ohio River and it is the perfect spot for hiking, picnics, and fishing.

### **3. Visit a U pick apple orchard**

One of our favorite things to do in the fall is picking apples at one of the local orchards. Finding the best apples is an annual event in our house and one of our favorite places to go is Apple Holler in Wisconsin. The reason we travel so far is because they consistently have a large selection of apples available and after 13 years of visiting, it is officially a tradition.

There are plenty of other apple orchards in Chicago and the suburbs. You can find an apple orchard near you at [PickYourOwn.org](#).





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## Fun Things to Do This Fall in Chicago and Illinois

### 4. Check out one of the awesome fall festivals in Illinois

Fall means festival time in Illinois and there are plenty of things to do in Chicago and around the state all season long. Most Chicago fall events begin in September and continue through the end of October. Some of the favorites include:

#### The Morton Arboretum

Enjoy fall at the Morton Arboretum with a variety of events. There's a scarecrow trail around Meadow Lake, the Fall Color 5K, and other activities every day in October. Special events include the Fall Cider and Ale Festival, Meet the Beekeeper, Boo Breakfast, Family Jack O'Lantern Hikes, and more!

#### Naperville Oktoberfest: September 30 – October 1

If you're looking for Oktoberfest in Chicago, don't miss this one hosted by Naper Settlement. The event features pumpkin carving, polka bands, pretzel eating competitions and more. It's the perfect excuse to put on your dirndl and lederhosen and celebrate the fall season German style! Prost!

#### The Great Highwood Pumpkin Festival – October 7-9

The city of Highwood celebrates the 10th annual [Great Highwood Pumpkin Festival](#) with a pumpkin festival to rival all others. This year they support the Make-A-Wish of Illinois and will attempt to beat the Guinness World Record for the most lit jack-o-lanterns in one place!

There are also costume contests, a pumpkin parade, carnival rides, entertainment, and food. Fun times for everyone with the big pumpkin lighting on Sunday night.

#### Chicago Botanic Garden Fall Fun

The [Chicago Botanic Garden](#) in Glencoe has fabulous fall events. Check their site to see what's happening this fall. There are many other festivals not to be missed around the state, so check out the [Enjoy Illinois](#) page for additional ideas!



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## Fun Things to Do This Fall in Chicago and Illinois

### 5. Take a drive to see the leaves change color

Before heading out for a drive to see changing leaves, check a [fall foliage map](#) so you know you will be guaranteed to see color.

Some of our favorite routes to drive for leaf peeping include the Illinois River Road, Chicago to Lake Geneva, along the shore of Lake Michigan, the Great River Road along the state's western edge, or heading north to [Door County, Wisconsin](#).

If you visit these destinations at the right time, you will not be disappointed by the spectacular hues you will find! And if you're looking to go further afield, don't miss these fabulous [Midwest fall drives](#).

### 6. Find a pumpkin patch near Chicago

There are pumpkin patches all over the Chicago area, because Illinois grows more pumpkins than any other state. Those on the hunt for good carving pumpkins shouldn't have to drive very far. Check before heading out as some have certain days and times they are open. Here are some of our favorite places to go picking:

***Goebbert's in Hampshire, IL*** – Located northwest of Chicago, this family farm has a fall festival, u pick pumpkin farm, petting farm, and a pumpkin eating dinosaur. Can you say awesome!

***Stade's Farm and Market in McHenry, IL*** – Just south of the Wisconsin border this pumpkin farm has u pick pumpkins and plenty of activities for a day out. There are farm-tractions including a carousel, tractor tire pyramid, and duck races for 8 weeks through the fall, during their Shades of Autumn Festival. Kids will never say they are bored!

***Bengtson's Pumpkin Farm in Homer Glen, IL*** – In addition to gathering pumpkins, the farm has pumpkin fest from September 16th through the end of October. Kids can watch pumpkins fly through the air with a pumpkin launcher, sample the apple donuts, and even mine for gems. This is a full day excursion!

### 7. Attend a football game





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## Koalas (5 Year Old's)

Happy Fall Y'All

Our class had a great start to their school year! For the month of September, the children studied new themes like; our 5 senses, different kinds of families, who we are as a person and celebrating the beginning of fall. We had some great projects that correlated with these themes. For example, during our lesson plan on our 5 senses, the children discovered what their eyes can see on a microscopic level. We also started our lesson on weekly letters by reviewing the letters A-F. We had a wonderful month!

For the month of October, we will be diving into all things fall. We will be exploring fire safety, apples, trees, pumpkins and leaves. We will have fun projects associated with these lessons like a leaf rub. The children will collect their own leaves from home, tape them on the back of a white paper and rub a crayon over the front to see the veins and skeleton of a leaf. Our children are eager to learn and can't wait to see what each month brings.

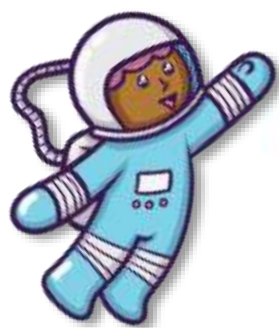
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**Thank You,  
Mrs. Megan & Ms. Karla**



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## The Explorers (3 to 4 Year Old's)

The month of September was a very fun month for the Explorers Class! We were working on our Five Senses: sight, smell, hearing, taste, and touch. We had an open discussion about families, and we discovered who all the children are with our ALL ABOUT ME lesson. We did some fun projects related to the themes. For example, the students created their ALL ABOUT ME posters at home and presented it to the class. We also worked on recognizing, tracing, and writing the letters in each child's name. We had a great month of learning!

For the month of October, we will learn about fire safety, apples, trees, pumpkins and celebrate fall's arrival. We will have some fun crafts associated with these lesson plans like a leaf collage. The children will explore the neighborhood for leaves, collect them and paste them onto a fall collage poster board. We will continue learning the alphabet, practicing number recognition (1-4), shapes, and the days of the week. It will be a very fun and interesting month.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us  
at 773-622-9433 Ext 25 or via email at: [cintya@toddlertownchicago.com](mailto:cintya@toddlertownchicago.com) Once again thank you  
for all your support!

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## The Bumblebees (3-year-olds)

Hello families

I hope everyone had a fun and safe summer!

We are saying goodbye to September and hello to October! For this month, we encouraged our children to practice writing the first letter of their name, which then motivated our children to learn how to spell out their full name! It is very exciting to see how much our children have learned over the months! We didn't only focus on our name recognition, but we also focused on learning about ourselves which included our 5 senses, our families, and what makes us unique and similar to each other! For October, we will be exploring fun themes such as pumpkins, Apples, trees, and fire safety! Please stay tuned about all the exciting, excellent activities we are planning for October!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [nataly@toddlerstownchicago.com](mailto:nataly@toddlerstownchicago.com), or call 773-622-9433 extension 24 Bumblebee's class!

Thank you in advance for your collaboration!

Mrs. Nataly





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## The Butterflies (3 Year Old's)

Goodbye September! Hello October! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer. The new butterflies students were thrilled to join our classroom! They had a wonderful month of learning! The children studied; their 5 senses, their families and who each child is. We also had a great project where each child drew a picture of their families and then presented their families to their friends in the classroom. We had a great start to our school year, and we can't wait to see what next month will bring!

For the month of October, the butterflies will study all new themes and skills. We will be focusing on learning how to hold a pencil and trace lines. The butterflies will be studying the alphabet and numbers 1-10. We are going to introduce the butterflies to fire safety, pumpkins, trees, apples and weather changes! The butterflies will be creating crafts such as a pumpkin patch using pom pom balls and pipe cleaners and gluing it on paper for fall/Harvest in the month of October.

**Thank you in advance for your collaboration!**

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-Ms. Nataly and Ms. Irene







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## Toucans (2 Year Old's)

Hello families!

Our class had a wonderful month of learning in September! We learned so many things, like getting to know a little more about ourselves and the classroom environment, who our families are like mom, dad, and siblings and discovering our 5 senses. We also had fun activities and crafts with these themes. For example, the children created a classroom tree where they colored their paper hands with their names and ages on it and attached it to our group tree. We had great weather as well, which allowed us to appreciate our time outdoors.

We had a great month of learning and can't wait to see what the next month brings.

For October, we have some awesome themes in store! The children will continue their lessons on colors, shapes, numbers, and names. We will also be studying new themes such as fire safety, apples, pumpkins, trees and celebrating fall. We have some fun activities with these lessons. For example, we will create our own pumpkins. We will decorate them using all kinds of materials, such as markers, crayons, pom pom balls, glitter, etc. It is going to be an amazing month!

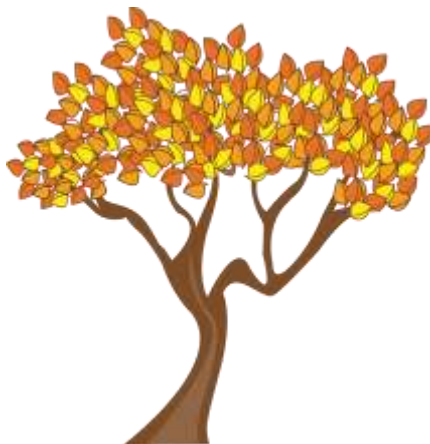
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