

October

2023

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 9th – Columbus Day &
Indigenous Day
(Center Closed)**

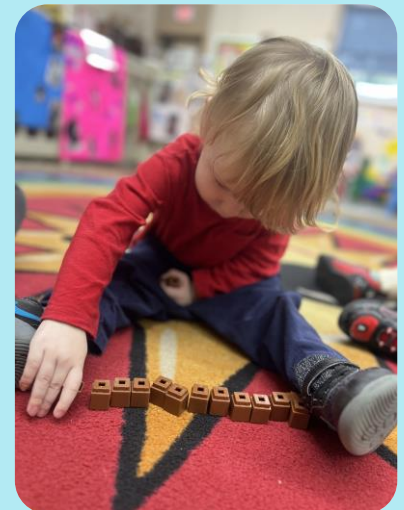
October 5th World Teacher's Day

October 12th– Farmers Day

October 21st Sweetest Day

Monthly Observance and Celebrations

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





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Announcements!

Important Info

WE HAVE OFFICIALLY WELCOMED FALL. The weather will begin to change, as well as the trees. 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, or 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!

SPECIAL REMINDER ABOUT PARKING RULES!

Please be sure there is no double parking, parking opposite direction, blocking alleys and or driveways and no standing in the loading zone longer than 15 minutes. Also, be sure you have your hazards on.

Reminders

Toddler Town Daycare closes promptly at 5:30PM. 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 to unpaid balances after the 15th .

Payment Reminders for October 2023:

October 2nd , 2023

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

October 16th, 2023

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



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Highlights of the Month Of September 2023!





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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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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!

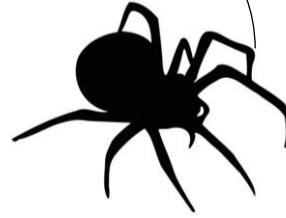
There are also costume contests, a pumpkin parade, carnival rides, entertainment, and food. Fun times for everyone with the big pumpkin lighting on Sunday night.

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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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!

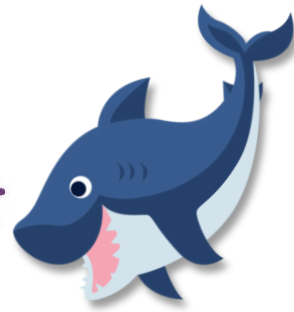
Stade's Farm and Market in McHenry, IL – Just south of the Wisconsin border this pumpkin farm has u pick pumpkins and plenty of activities for a day out. There are farm-tractions including a carousel, tractor tire pyramid, and duck races for 8 weeks through the fall, during their Shades of Autumn Festival. 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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Sharks (3-5 Year Old's)

Hello parents!

Welcome to October! Can you believe we are in October already? Time is sure flying!!! We have been having so much fun learning about each of our students and families. The All About Me unit will soon come to an end, but we will jump into another fun unit.

We are debating between All About Apples or All About Pumpkins. Children will be taking a classroom vote in the last week of our All About Me unit to decide which one will be next. They will touch many learning objectives, but our main focus will be math and science with a lot of sensory activities. Students will continue to learn our routine. Social emotional support will continue throughout the year.

We will be sending a small flyer home with sensory projects that you can do at home to help us in the classroom. This year we want to provide a lot of sensory learning activities and we will need all your help. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us or reach us through our app.

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Or You can reach us at 847-475-1467 Extension 15,

Thank you!

Mrs. Maritza and Mrs. Julissa



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Butterflies (3-5 Year Old's)

Well Hello Autumn! We are officially in my favorite season of all! Get ready for those chilly days, comfy sweaters, and some warm apple cider lattes! We sure had fun in September with the All About Me Unit where we covered everything about us inside and out! We talked about the 5 senses and talked about the beauty of diversity in our school!

We are welcoming this crispy season with lots of learning! October will be filled with hands on and relatable activities. We will discuss Fall Weather and be hands on exploring Trees, Apples, Pumpkins, and ending our month with School Bus/ Fire Safety! We will come up with meaningful questions that can be answered through gathering information. Students will gather data about themselves and their surroundings to answer meaningful questions. Students will observe, investigate, describe, and categorize living things. Students will explore concepts and information about the physical, earth, and life sciences. Students will sort, order, compare, and describe objects according to characteristics or attributes and understand the rules to follow when investigating and exploring. I promise you this month will be such a rewarding experience! As we always do, we will have daily journals and focus of the week including a new number, letter, shape, color, and a theme vocabulary word. Remember to visit ProCare daily to see what your children are learning that day.

We will end our October Fun with a Harvest Party! We will celebrate on Tuesday, October 31! The theme is harvest, you can wear orange, red, brown, green, or dress as a farmer or scarecrow! Please see the teacher for more information about other types of costumes.

Parents! Please take the time to meet Ms. Samuela and say Hello, she will be working with your child in the classroom!

If you all have any questions, please don't hesitate on emailing us either at Carina@toddlertownevanston.com or Robert@toddlertownchicago.com or Samuela@toddlertownevanston.com

You can also reach us by phone at (847) 475-1467 Ext.14

Thank you!

Ms. Carina and Mr. Robert and Ms. Samuela



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Chipmunks (3 Year Old's)

September is gone; but fall is just beginning! The weather is changing but we are ready to learn and increase our knowledge, Chipmunk's classroom has many surprises coming soon!

During September, we learned about so many amazing topics, such as:

- My 5 senses : Taste, Smell, Sight, touch, and hearing.
- All about me and my body:
 - Are you a girl or boy? Left and right side, hands, eyes, fingers, toes, etc.
- My name:
 - Sing along: "Names, names, are not the same, everybody here has a name. *What's your name?*"
- Fall, and
- Family.
 - Who are my family members?

Students are so happy spending time at school with their peers and our teachers. Students have been doing some projects and activities that support fine and gross motor skills, activities such as making arts & crafts, tracing lines, coloring, painting, cutting paper, dancing, exercising, jumping and more.

The Chipmunk's classroom teachers are so excited to be a part of your child's growth and development, we are going to have fun every day with our students. We can't wait to discuss many different topics during the month of October, these topics are:

- Trees
- School bus
- Fire Safety
- Pumpkins
- Apples

Parents! Please take the time to meet Ms. Prisque and say Hello, she will be working with your child in the classroom!

This is a friendly reminder to take a look inside your child's cubby and take all the work projects, dirty clothes and switch the clothes when needed. Please remember that it is a requirement to have two sets of clothing in your child's bin. If you have any questions, please contact us at ext. 13 or email us at Cesar@toddlertownevanston.com or prisque@toddlertownevanston.com

Thank you,

Mr. Cesar and Ms. Prisque



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Bumblebees (2 Year Old's)

Bye Bye Summer and September! Welcome Fall and Hello October! The month of September topic was "all about Me!" During the month of September, we discussed different themes such as My Five Senses, all about Me, all about my body, my name, and Family. All about me was amazing and the student's favorite. Students had the opportunity to discuss their likes and dislikes, their favorites and even what is so unique about them, like their culture and family.

Thanks to all the families who took the time to create an "All about me" Poster with your child. They were all amazing and wonderful to look at and share with everyone. Feel free to look at everyone's posters when picking up your child.

For this month of October, our focus will be teaching the kids about the Fall season, Trees, Fire Safety, School bus safety, Pumpkins and apples. Along with those topics, I will continue to encourage language, expression, social emotional skills, listening skills and so much more. We cannot wait to experience the changes in our neighborhood along with the students. There will be lots of teachable moments and chances for conversations and comparisons. Be sure to point out the changes you notice as well when your child is with you. This will help them expand their language and knowledge.

PS. Stay tuned, Ms. Norma will be providing information about projects, parent/family involvement and more! FOR SURE! BUMBLEBEES WILL BE HAVING A HARVEST PARTY AND SPIRIT WEEK! THE PARTY WILL BE ON OCTOBER 31ST !

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to e-mail me at Norma@toddertownevanston.com and Rebecca@toddertownevanston.com or call us by Phone at 847-475-1467 Ext. 12 or Ext 16.

Thank you all again,

...stay safe, and please continue practicing social distancing!



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