

# 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 Daycare closes promptly at 6PM. 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 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-

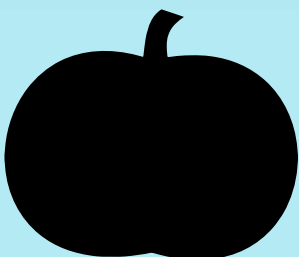
\*All balances must be fully paid in order to avoid any interruption during Drop off. \*





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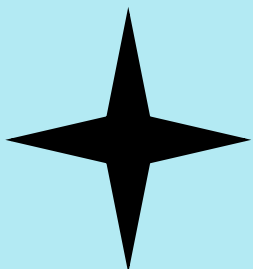
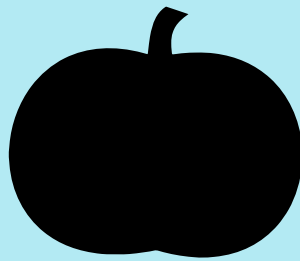
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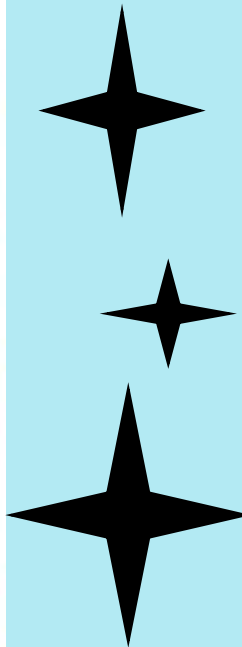






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# Tips and Ideas for Home

## 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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## Sharks (3-5 Year Old's)

Welcome to the month of October, Autumn is finally here. The weather will be changing, and summer wardrobe will be put away. Just a reminder, to change your children's set of clothing for the weather. Also, your child has their own individual bag for their belongings upon arrival, please place all your child's belongings inside the plastic bag (Hats, sweaters, jackets, etc.).

We had so much fun learning from one another with our All About Me unit. In the month of October, we will be learning about Outer Space. Learning about space is about venturing into the unknown, promoting creative thinking, 'what if' scenarios and expanding curious minds. Knowledge about the solar system is more important than ever. It helps us appreciate the Earth. It gives us incentives to preserve and respect our natural resources and it helps us answer some of the biggest questions of our day and age.

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## Butterflies (3-5 Year Old's)

Well Hello Autumn! It is officially 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 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 and learning about 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 also 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 also sort, order, compare, and describe objects according to characteristics or attributes. The students will also understand the rules to follow when they investigate and explore an object. 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 words. Remember to revise 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 Monday, October 31! The theme is harvest you can wear orange, red, brown, green, or dress as a farmer or scarecrow!*

If you all have any questions, please don't hesitate on emailing us either at [Carina@toddlertownevanston.com](mailto:Carina@toddlertownevanston.com) or [Yemina@toddlertownevanston.com](mailto:Yemina@toddlertownevanston.com) or [Robert@toddlertownchicago.com](mailto:Robert@toddlertownchicago.com)

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Thank you!



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## Chipmunks (3 Year Old's)

Yay! It's finally October! We Love this type of weather! Can't wait for the fun activities that fall has to offer. In the month of September, we talked about ourselves, and our families.

The children enjoyed watching the weather change and it was so sad to say goodbye to summer. Please remember to come take a look inside your child's cubby and swap out the summer clothes for Fall clothes.

In the month of October, we will be talking about the big changes in the weather. We will be discussing fall and what changes come along with this season. We will also discuss fire safety, school bus safety, pumpkins and apples. Finally, on October 31, 2022, we will have a fall fest to end our fun month of October.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

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Thank you,

Ms. Jaz and Mr. Cesar





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## Bumblebees (3 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, Fall 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. Students also learned about their five senses and were able to explore every sense in the classroom.

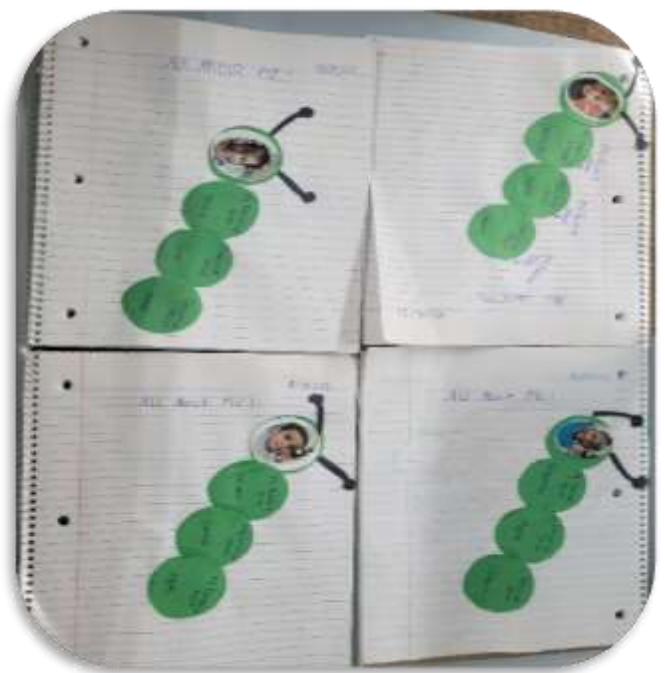
Thanks to all the families who took the time to create an "All about me" Poster with your child. They were all amazing and wonderful to look at and share with everyone. Feel free to look at everyone's posters when picking up your child.

For this month of October, our focus will be teaching the kids about the Fall season, Fire Safety, School bus safety, Pumpkins and apples. 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.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to e-mail Ms. Rebecca at [Rebecca@toddertownevanston.com](mailto:Rebecca@toddertownevanston.com) or call us by Phone at 847-475-1467 Ext. 12

Thank you all again,

--Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Nessa



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