



# Goodwin Academy

October 1, 2019



## Diwali Diwali Diwali

Diwali is a Hindu festival of lights, held on October 27, 2019. It marks the beginning of the fiscal year in India.

It is celebrated by lighting lanterns, home decoration, shopping, fireworks, gifts, feast and sweets! Feel free to find out more from Neetu.

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### RESPECT

We will be focusing on this character building attribute with children everyday in October.

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### PUMPKINS

We will be decorating pumpkins in lue of travelling to the pumpkin patch, as per parent requests

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### EXCITING HOLIDAYS

- Halloween
- Diwali
- Thanksgiving

## IMPORTANT Information



### Daycare Fees

Fees are due no later than the 1st of the month. THANK YOU! For being on time.



### Scheduling

Please provide accurate pick up and drop off times for your child. If your child will be absent please let us know as soon as possible. This helps us keep your cost of care low

### Inside Shoes

Please Bring inside shoes for your child



# October's Curriculum



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## The Plan for October

*There are lots of holidays, the season is changing, and your children are so bright.*

This month we will enhance our math, music, and science activities as the children are responding well to the stimuli. Further, as a group, we will concentrate on letters. We will focus on identification and sounds of the letters. We look forward to taking the children on walks to the park incorporating ways to respect the community we live in and the changes that fall brings. We will also be going to the library.

M	T	W	TH	F
	1 <b>E is for Ears</b> -go for walk and listen w/ ears -draw a picture of what we heard -do E tracing page -have a sound parade	2 <b>E is for Eyes</b> -glue E page w/ googly eyes -look at our eyes in the mirror -read I Spy w/ magnifying glass	3 <b>E is for Elephant</b> -do E tracing letter -do elephant craft -sing elephant has wrinkles	4 <b>E is for Earth</b> -Look at a globe, find where we live, Notice oceans & land. -Make Puffy Paint Earth -Have picnic at park, pick up litter
7 <b>F is for Flowers</b> -put flower stickers on F page -make handprint flowers -do flower number matching game -talk about how flowers grow	8 <b>F is for Fish</b> -make fish craft -sing slippery fish -F letter tracing	9 <b>F is for Fingers</b> -make handprints w/ paint (dirty) -wash hands lots of bubbles (clean) -mummy finger where are you (sing) -read & make touch & feel book	10 <b>F is for Farm</b> -Read "Over on the Farm" and do activities -Animal Sound Guess online game -sing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm"	11 <b>F is for Frog</b> -Five little speckled frogs -Frog craft -Read frog story
14 <b>G is for Grapes</b> -G letter tracing -Have grape craft with fingers paint -Grape song	15 <b>G is for Goose</b> -Goose craft -Read story about Goose	16 <b>G is for Giraffe</b> -Giraffe craft -Sing animal song -G letter tracing	17 <b>G is for Goldfish</b> -make up story about our fish -paint fish outline w/ gold paint -do goldfish cracker counting game -eat goldfish cracker snack	18 <b>G is for Ghost</b> -read fun Halloween book w/ ghost -horrible ghost painting -ghost windsock decorations
21 <b>H</b> -H letter tracing -Make handprints -Talk about body parts	22 <b>Horse</b> -read Horse stories -make horse craft -Talk about Animal sounds	23 <b>Heart</b> -H letter tracing and colour heart -Heart craft -Talk about organs	24 <b>Helicopter</b> -letter tracing H -helicopter craft -Talk about transportation	25 <b>Halloween</b> -play Halloween Bingo -deliver & BOO some friends
28 <b>Halloween</b> -do How a Pumpkin Grows sequence cards -make pumpkin handprints -go to <a href="#">addys</a> to get pumpkins	29 <b>Halloween</b> -read Halloween stories -do silly pumpkin face game -do mix & match pumpkin faces -Q-tip skeletons	30 <b>Halloween</b> -read Halloween stories -do Pumpkin Seed Number Match -Carve pumpkins & save seeds	31 <b>Halloween</b> -read "The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything" -sequence the items in book -do H is for Halloween coloring page	1 Talk about candies Candy craft Letter tracing I

## Fine Motor Skills

**Fine motor skills** are achieved when children learn to use their smaller muscles, like muscles in the hands, fingers, and wrists. Children use their **fine motor skills** when writing, holding **small** items, eating, cutting with scissors, scribbling and turning pages etc. Children are enjoying their letter tracing, scribbling and making activities every day.

## Does your family celebrate any holidays in October?

Please let us know. We would love to teach the children about everyone's culture. We feel this will create acceptance between children and build mutual respect.

## CHANGING WEATHER

**Please ensure your child has:**

- ▶ Warm Jacket
- ▶ Extra socks
- ▶ Change of clothes
- ▶ Toque
- ▶ Gloves

**\*\*Also please ensure there is an adequate supply of diapers and wipes for your child. Staff Will notify parents when supplies are running low.**



# Happy Halloween

Halloween is celebrated by Children dressing up in costumes and going treat or treating. Pumpkins are also carved in to Jack-o-lanterns.

**October 31, Halloween!**

**Send children dressed in their Halloween costumes. We have special activities planed for today.**

\* Please send extra outfit today



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\*Thanksgiving to native Americans was a way of everyday life rather than a one-day celebration.

Many countries all over the world celebrate a day of thanks, many of which center on a successful harvest season:

- Canada's Thanksgiving is very similar to the American celebration, marking the successful harvest of French settlers in modern-day Canada. This celebration takes place in October when the weather is warmer.
- Germany celebrates the Harvest Thanksgiving Festival in October, which, like American celebrations, consists of feasting and religious traditions.
- The Japanese observe Labor Thanksgiving Day which has roots with harvest celebrations but now celebrates labor, production, and thankfulness.