

Dates to Know:

Oct, 11 & 25
Arts Alive

Oct. 17
Individual Pictures -
Kindergarten, Primary
I, and Primary II *and*
their siblings.

Oct. 18
Individual Pictures -
Toddler II, Toddler I,
Movement I, Movement
II, Nursery I, Nursery
II, and siblings.

Oct. 26
Fall Festival
4:15 pm - 5:45 pm

Oct. 31
Classroom Parties and
special lunches
No Costumes Please

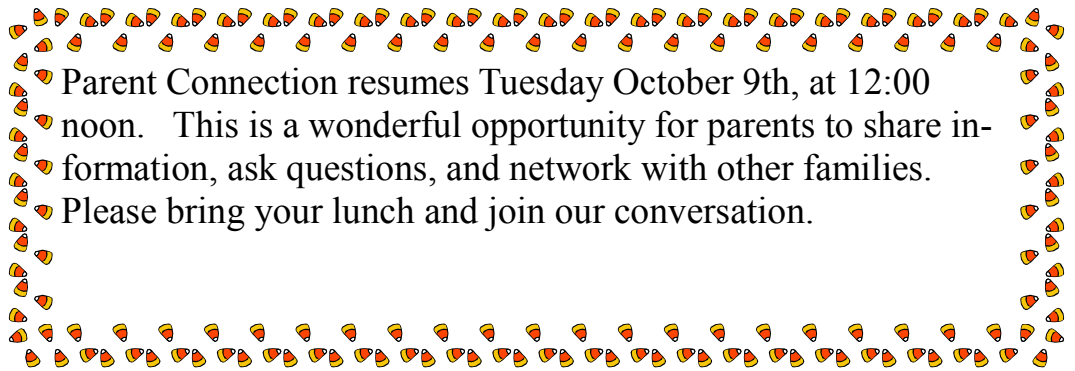
Nov. 4
Fall Back—time to
change our clocks!

Cathedral House Monthly October 2007

A Rainbow of My Own: Open Up Orange



In October we begin to see the first signs of the Fall season. As we “Open Up Orange” the children and teachers will discover the sights and smells of Fall. Pumpkins, spiders, bats, and cats will fill our halls and classrooms. Outside we may collecting leaves or Magnolia pods or even running an obstacle course. Children may share orange items, seeds to sort, colorful leaves, or Halloween stories.



Parent Connection resumes Tuesday October 9th, at 12:00 noon. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to share information, ask questions, and network with other families. Please bring your lunch and join our conversation.

**Please
Remember:**

**Tuition is
due by the
first of
every
month**

Well You Know It's October WhenWe give a *Bat Notice*

Recently on a morning playground check, we spied a bat along one of the brick walls. Animal Control was called and the bat was removed. All of this happened very early preventing human contact.

Bats are very common in the Houston area. If you happen to find one near your home or in your back yard, contact Animal Control to remove it for you. Bats can be infected with rabies, you should not try to capture one yourself.



Permission to Administer Medications

We are entering the allergy/cold and flu season. Before the need arises to for your child to have over the counter medication at school, please update their “permission to administer” form from the pediatrician.

This form should be updated yearly. Forms are available at the front desk and can be faxed to school by your pediatrician’s office.

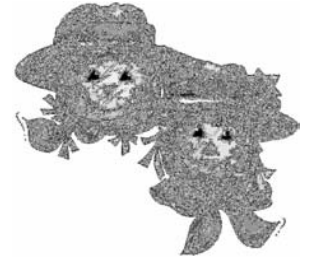
Fall Festival & Classroom Parties

Don’t miss our annual Fall Festival

Friday October 26th 4:15—5:30 PM

Parking will be available at the Cathedral Garage

Children are invited to bring their costumes to school (no scary suits, weapons, or masks). Teachers will assist is dressing them after waking up from nap. The festival will be kick off with our annual “Parade of Costumes”. All parents are asked to wait in the fountain courtyard for the parade to begin.



****Your Help Is Needed:** All children will return to their classroom for safe release

Individual Pictures



Wed. October 17th—
Kindergarten, Primary I,
Primary II, and siblings.

Thurs. October 18th—
Nursery I, Nursery II, Movement I,
Movement II, Toddler I , Toddler II
and siblings.

Additional Info:

- Backdrop - Train Station
- Proofs should arrive in 2 to 3 weeks with many package options

Helping Toddlers Become Problem Solvers

All parents and teachers have seen the unique ability of toddlers to use toys and materials in unexpected ways. One child may turn a cup into a hammer or a basket into a hat. Another toddler may stand on a riding truck to try to reach a toy or pull over a chair to climb onto a bookshelf. Observant adults recognize these innovations as signs that children are learning to use their thinking skills to solve problems.

Experiences in problem solving help children develop curiosity and patience, along with thinking skills such as flexibility, and understanding of cause and effect. They learn to work toward achieving a goal, and gain confidence in their ability to reach a solution.

Even very young children make discoveries on their own. An infant who accidentally creates a noise with a rattle may then make the sound again and again on purpose. An older infant discovers that by looking under a blanket, he can find a hidden toy. A toddler who cannot pull a wagon up a hill by herself learns that she and a friend can push it up from behind.

By not rushing in and rescuing young children who are facing minor everyday problems, adults can help infants and toddlers develop confidence and increase their thinking abilities.

It's also helpful for parents and teachers to provide materials that encourage children to explore. Some toys, such as jack-in-the-boxes and busy boxes, provide opportunities to explore simple cause-and-effect relationships. Other common materials like empty cardboard boxes, plastic bowls, or scarves can provide open-ended experiences through which toddlers can make choices and decisions, and find different ways to manipulate the materials.

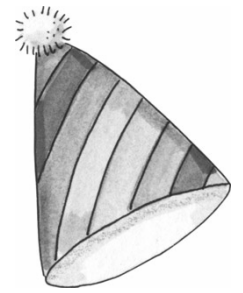
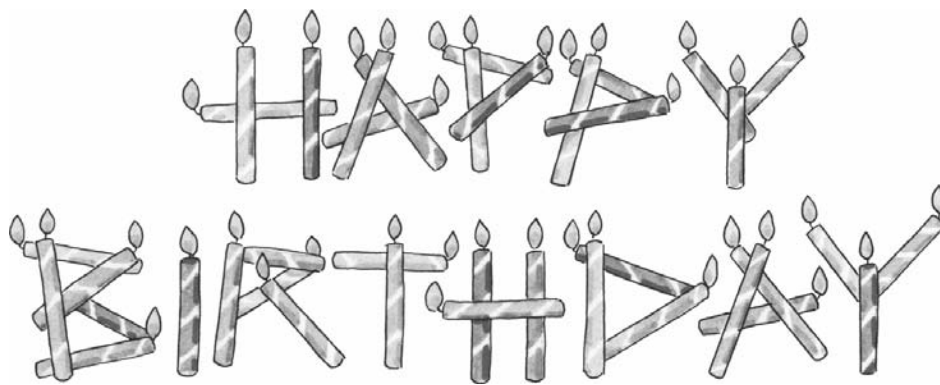
Other activities can involve materials such as clear plastic tubing (such as the tubing used for aquariums) which children can fill with bright materials, and watch the materials move as they shake the tubes. If you provide inclines or ramps of wooden blocks, a toddler can watch what happens as objects roll down inside the tubes. She may discover that some objects roll faster than others. He may learn about actions and reactions when he sets plastic bottles at the bottom of the ramp to create a unique bowling game.

(Whatever materials you provide to help children experiment with problem solving, remember to be very careful about choking hazards.)

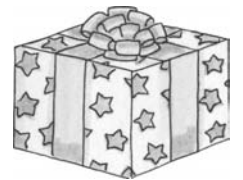
These everyday materials are fun, and can hold children's interest for long periods. They also help children experiment with cause and effect and with gravity and physics. In addition to supporting cognitive development, problem-solving activities help in the social arena as well. Groups of children engaged in these activities negotiate with their friends and learn how to solve interpersonal problems.

By providing interesting materials and enthusiastically reinforcing children's attempts to explore and solve problems, parents and teachers can stimulate children's development, promote advanced critical thinking, and help children take pride in their own abilities to find out more about how their world works.

Excerpted from "Using Everyday Materials to Promote Problem Solving in Toddlers" by Laura Segatti, Judy Brown-DuPaul, and Tracy L. Keyes - an article in the NAEYC journal, Young Children.

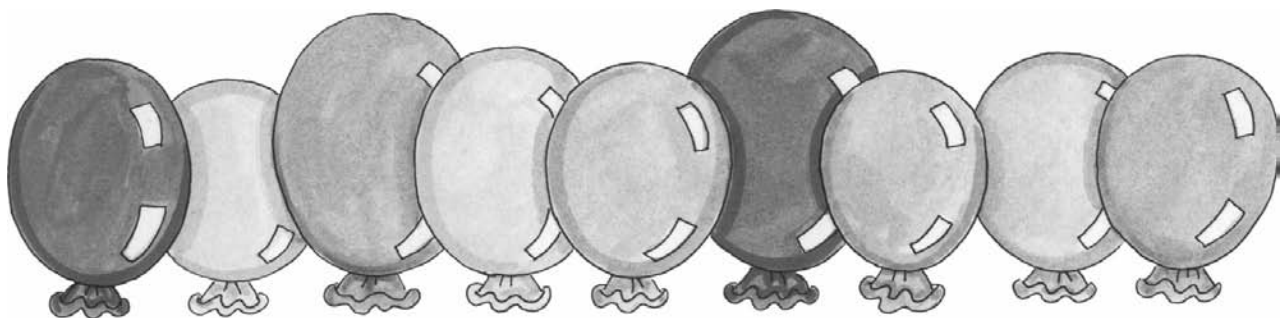


Emma Daves October 2nd 4 years old
Kieran Coffey October 8th 2 years old
Ellie Eikenburg October 9th 4 years old
Cate McClees October 12th 2 years old
Raegan Simms October 13th 5 years old
Dominic Wooldridge October 13th 5 years old
Asher Sandill October 16th 1 year old
Will Primm October 17th 2 years old
Lyle Clanton October 19th 2 years old
Luke Newman October 26th 2 years old




Also Celebrating in October

Ms. Blanca Toddler I October 4th
Ms Christina Floater October 10



October Events



100 YEAR CELEBRATION

**Montessori
Global Village &
Children's Festival**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2007

**Global Village and
Children's Festival**

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Saturday, October 6

University of Houston
Main Campus, Lynn Eusan Park

Free and
Open to the Public



Saturday October 27th
Hobby Airport

Visit
www.houstonfiremuseum.org
for more details.

27th Annual Katy Rice Harvest Festival

October 13 & October 14
Call 281-828-1100 for more
information

**Texas Renais-
sance Festival**

Weekends in October and November
Plantersville, Tx
1-800-458-3435
www.texrenfest.com



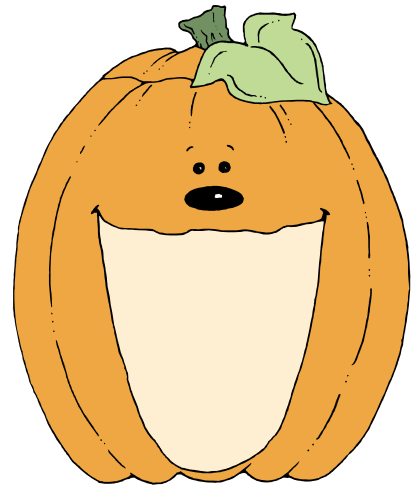
Bayou City Arts Festival Downtown
October 13 & October 14
10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Visit tourtexas.com to see events throughout Texas.

September News from the Classes

Nursery I:

This month the babies continue to work while they play. Jumping in the exersaucer to build their leg muscles and building hand to eye coordination by trying to fit different toys and their hands into their mouths. In October we will Open up Orange. Watch for orange pictures and toys to cover our room. Some of our children have a favorite school color the is burnt orange. This would be a great month to show the spirit. **Please remember to label all your child's items with their first and last name.**



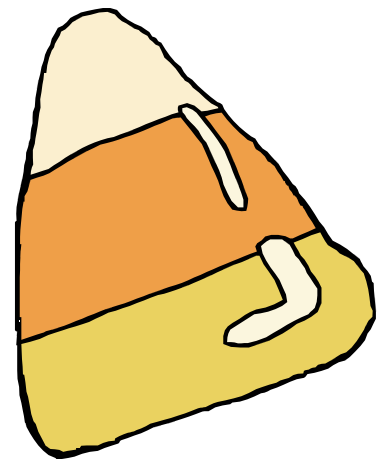
Movement I:

During the month of September we learned about the color yellow. We painted yellow stars and made sun shines out of our handprints. Everyone enjoyed painting! Some of us were even heard saying yellow. Our yellow snacks included bananas and freeze dried corn.

Individual Notes:

Rhys and Katerina celebrated their first birthdays.
Elizabeth's vocabulary is expanding daily.
Charlotte is learning how to work with puzzles.
Oliver and Sam are learning to put the toys away.
Ben loves to drive the car around the room.
Maya is learning to say many words in English (Russian is her native language).
Charlie loves when we bring out the flashcards.
Hazel has been our world traveler, visiting grandparents and just returning from a Hawaiian vacation.
And Alexis has begun her journey into Movement II.
We are happy to welcome Asher Sandill and his family to Movement I.
We look forward to all the fun and seeing everyone at the Fall Festival.

We look forward to
Nursery II and
Movement II
catching everyone
up in November.



September News from the Classes

Toddler I:

September included lots of new lessons and learning our ground rules. One ground rule we have been practicing is working on our rug and returning the lesson to their home on the shelf when finished. Toddler I has been very busy cleaning and rearranging our classroom for a fresh Fall start. Have you noticed our new kitchen area? Ms. Teri surprised us and we LOVE IT! We have also been using the outdoors as an extension to our classroom. By riding bikes and playing soccer, we are refining our gross motor skills and cooperative play. Don't forget Show-n-Tell on Thursdays!

Toddler II:

Jumping into yellow this month was lots of fun! We used our senses to smell, taste, see, and touch lemons and bananas. We explored and discovered that lemons have seeds, rind, and pulp and when squeezed it releases juice that can be made into lemonade. Lemons also make very pretty prints. Toddler II's favorite song this month was "I like to eat apples and bananas". We went a little bananas ourselves as we danced around to the music of the Jungle Book. During our "animals that are yellow" week, we made textured yellow butterflies out of torn yellow pages. We look forward to Opening Up Orange as we venture into October. See you there!



Primary I:

Welcome back to the start of another wonderful school year. This year we will discover a Rainbow of Our Own. In September we Jumped into Yellow. We discussed different yellow foods and yellow animals. In Spanish, we learned that amarillo is the Spanish word for yellow. Some of our yellow art projects were yellow suns, giraffes, and lacing leaves. We added to yellow by also learning about John Chapman (Johnny Appleseed), and making a yummy apple snack (apple turnovers). We were excited to learn that the first day of Fall is in September and are looking forward to the cooler weather. Next, we Open Up Orange.

Primary II:

We jumped into yellow this month with art projects of a sun, banana, and a giraffe. We celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday with a special cooking lesson and by making apple prints. We welcomed Fall by lacing leaves and singing "All the Leaves" and "Gray Squirrel".

Gray Squirrel, Gray Squirrel

Shake your bushy tail.

Gray Squirrel, Gray Squirrel

Shake your bushy tail.

Wrinkle up your little nose,

Hold an acorn in your toes.

Gray Squirrel, Gray Squirrel

Shake your bushy tail.

In October we will Open up Orange. Please share orange items with the class.

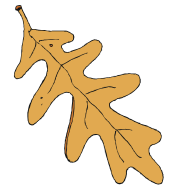
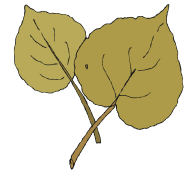
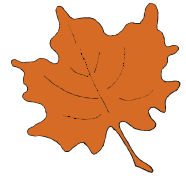
September News from the Classes

Kindergarten:

Yellow was a fun and flavorful color to explore. The kindergarteners had fun with our cooking activities butter making and making lemonade. The smell of lemons, as they were being squeezed, made our mouths water. Although some of the children thought the lemonade was spicy (sour) and didn't drink it, they sure enjoyed the lesson.

Ms Sherri is participating in The School Literacy and Culture Project through Rice University's center for education. Mrs. Karen Capo will be her mentor in this project and has visited the class several times. The children will also be participating by dictating stories, acting out their own stories, and acting out their favorite books. This had been a fun addition to the Kindergarten class.

To begin the month of October and Open up Orange, we added Fan Tail Goldfish to our aquarium. They have brought a calming presence to the class.



"Little People" Chapel

Last year Reverend Casey Shobe (Mr. Casey) delighted our Primary and Kindergarten students as a weekly guest reader, with stories for young children. Following the success of this summer's *Bible Voyagers*, Mr. Casey is adding a new program for the children. Beginning Monday October 29th we will begin **"Little People" Chapel**. This will be a weekly activity held in the Chapel of the Christ Child. Mr. Casey will lead the children in songs, stories to facilitate lessons, poems and prayers.

If you are interested in signing up your Primary or Kindergarten child, please do so at the front desk.