

# Toddler 1 Calendar 2024

## OCTOBER

### Important Days:

- October 14<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day (closed)
- October 24<sup>th</sup> – Childcare Appreciation Day
- October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween (Children can wear costumes on this day, but please do not bring any food items)

### Skills we are working on:

#### Self Help Skills

- Helping with cleaning up after play
- Self-serving & feeding using tongs, utensils, and cups independently
- Toileting & Proper hygiene
- Pulling up pants after diaper change
- Encouraging proper handwashing

#### Motor Skills

- Practice jumping up & down safely
- Exploring large outdoor equipment (climber, pedaling bikes, riding cars)
- Observing and imitating peers positively

#### Communication Skills

- Listening to stories & connecting to pictures
- Combining words or using simple sentences in conversations
- Using gestures and signs to communicate
- Adding more vocabulary to play

#### Math Skills

- Counting using fingers
- Counting 11-15 or more using objects/by rote...
- Sorting & counting by sizes, colors



### Reminders:

#### Fall is here!

We would like to remind all families that fall is here; please ensure your child (ren) is / are well dressed to play outside. We will be spending more time outside doing many gross motor activities.

Please make sure you provide extra seasonal clothing for their cubbies and **LABEL** them such as: light coat, a hat, rubber boot, etc.

Thank you.



#### Song of the month

Leaves are falling, leaves are falling,  
from the trees, from the trees.

Red and yellow, orange and brown,  
In the breeze, in the breeze.

(Sing with the tune Are You Sleeping?)



#### Science (Magic Milk Experiment) to do at home



- **Ingredients:** food coloring, dish soap, cotton swabs, napkin or paper towel to clean mess

- **Steps:**

1. Pour a thin layer of milk in a shallow pan
2. Have your child add drops of food coloring all around the milk in the pan gently
3. Next, let your child pick up a cotton swab and dip it in the dish soap
4. Then put the cotton swab in the milk- press it down in one spot and holding it for about 15 seconds and see the magic next!

**NB: With adult supervision, let's have lots of fun with this science experiment. Thank you**