



## October 2016

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### **KOALAS: 5 YEAR OLDS**

Hello Families! Our class had a great first month in school! We spent some time getting to know each other, practicing our letters, understanding our feelings and learning how we can be a friend to all. We also had some great projects incorporated with these themes like the "All About Me" poster. We are so excited for what the new year will bring our graduating class of 2017.



The month of October is going to be an awesome month! We will be studying great themes like the celebration of Fall, some new sight words, a look at various careers and a study on science. Along with these study topics there will be some fun in-class assignments as well as some take-home projects.

Parents: As the weather is changing, please be sure to check your child's cubby regularly to see if you have the correct clothing in the box.

### **BEARS: 4 YEAR OLDS:**

Happy October! To recap the month of September, we began the new school year talking about "All About Me." We also began reviewing the alphabet talking about animals, bugs and discussing the season of fall. We began our fall projects and used fall related materials in class. At the beginning of the month, we had a field trip to the zoo, which was really fun! For the month of October, we will continue reviewing the alphabet by discussing the topics of colors, dinosaurs and emotions. We will also celebrate a fall festival with special projects, games, and a costume parade. We will even add Fall related materials into our media table. It should be a great month!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**"Where Your Child ALWAYS Comes First."**

### CLOSING DATES:

- To know if we are closed due to the weather, please refer to this website: <http://toddlertownchicago.com/register-for-weather-emergency-updates/>
- **NO SCHOOL:** Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> in honor of Columbus Day.

### REMINDERS:

- Notify the daycare if your child is ill with a contagious illness immediately so that we can do our part at the daycare.
- **Update your contact information with a staff member, if needed.**
- Tuition Payments need to be made on time or your child will not be able to stay in school.
- If your child will no longer be attending TTDC, as mentioned in the enrollment application that you signed, you must give the director a 2 week advance notice to avoid a \$300 fee.
- View your account online under 'Parent Portal' available on our webpage.
- You can now add a person on your pick-up list: [https://toddlertowndaycare.forstack.com/forms/toddler\\_town\\_pick\\_up\\_form](https://toddlertowndaycare.forstack.com/forms/toddler_town_pick_up_form)

### THE EXPLORERS: 4 YEAR OLDS

During the month of September, The Explorers learned about Pizza, all about themselves, and all about their family. The children worked on various projects: 3D pizza, posters about “Me” and “My Family”, and a self-portrait. In addition, we talked about bullying. We also had a field trip to the Lincoln Park Zoo. For our math lesson, the Explorers used the tablet to practice adding numbers. A big thank you to the parents for your help during our trip to the Lincoln Park Zoo.

For October, the children will learn about the solar system, the seasons, and end with our Fall Harvest Festival. Parents, please be aware that for every season your children needs a different change of clothing so please check their cubbie and provide them with weather appropriate attire. Lastly, don't forget we are closed October 10<sup>th</sup> for Columbus Day.



### BUMBLEBEES: 4 YEAR OLDS

To recap the month of September, we discussed and learned about ourselves and our family. This month has been all about me and all about our families. We learned about who lives in our homes and their full names. We also learned what city and state we live in and worked on letters “F and M” for Family and Me.

For the month of October, we will begin to work on Fall Harvest. We will discuss why the leaves change colors, why we call it Fall, what holidays are in Fall, and the things we do in Fall. We will also review our alphabets and our numbers from 10-15 and continue to work on recognition. We will also begin a safety project and learn some safety tips. It will be a fun, interesting month!



### BUTTERFLIES: 3 YEAR OLDS

September was a fun month as we jump started the new school year. The theme was “All About Me.” The children decorated their “All About Me” butterfly posters, talked about their families and individuals that make up a family, learned about emotions, learned similarities and differences between their friends, learned how to be a good friend, talked about using their words, worked on team building activities and projects to help promote sharing and teamwork, and worked on their first and last names. The children also worked on public speaking to help develop communication skills and overcome any shyness.



October will be an interesting month as we will talk about Fall and include Fall projects. We will also talk about and conduct safety drills, learn our ages, as well as begin identifying the first letter in our names. Furthermore, we will enjoy a Fall Harvest Party in which we will all dress up in costumes!

### TOUCANS: 2 YEAR OLDS

The month of September was dedicated to exploring the individual. The Toucans learned about themselves as a person. They learned about their physical characteristics, emotions, families, and likes. The children were able to complete self-expression projects that identified each individual. More music and reading were included in this lesson.

We will be finishing up all about me projects beginning October. Also during October, the Toucans will be able to learn more about Autumn and Halloween. We will talk more about colors associated with the season. Arts and crafts will be related to Halloween. We will also incorporate more sensory projects into this lesson.

