



the discovery center

October 2023

DIRECTOR'S CORNER / IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION!!

Safety and security in our program are very important. You can help us to keep everything running smoothly and safely by doing the following:

- * Please **do not** leave your car running in the parking lot. This can be an extremely dangerous situation. We also ask that you not leave children alone in your vehicle as you enter the building.
- * Make sure that your child's emergency card is up to date. This includes cell phone numbers and new work or home numbers, address, as well as persons the child is allowed to be released to.
- * If you will not be picking up your child at the end of his/her day, please make certain that you have shared this information with one of your child's teachers or, preferably, provide a hand written note with the change for the day. Even if the person is listed on your child's emergency card, please let us know of the departure plan for your child.
- * The classroom teachers will also require a picture identification for the designated pick up person if they are unfamiliar with that person. Please make the person picking up your child aware of this policy.
- * **Only adults** in our program may open and close doors to the **classrooms** and **outer doors**. Please help us to reinforce this as you come and go each day.
- * Children should be brought directly into the classroom by an adult through the front door. You may not arrive or depart from the program through the outdoor playground areas.

* At the end of your child's day, we would greatly appreciate your help in making certain that you depart from the building in a timely fashion, keeping in mind that the closing staff member needs to secure the building for the evening and **parking can be an issue at the height of pick up.**

*For those families who enjoy socializing inside **and/or** outside the building while waiting for your child, or after pick up, close supervision of your child without distraction is **VERY** important. We appreciate you limiting your conversations and making space in the parking lot for others. The lobby is also not a place for loud voices, running around, or climbing on furniture. We also ask that your children **not play** on the classroom playgrounds, around the building/on school property, climbing in trees or playing in the Rainbow Room at departure time. This is in order to ensure everyone's safety.

We greatly appreciate your help and cooperation in making our program as safe and secure as possible. If you should have any questions about the above requests, please feel free to contact me.

Thank-you,
Debbie



HALLOWEEN / FALL FUN AT THE DISCOVERY CENTER

The Preschool and Yellow Room classrooms in our program **do not** celebrate the Halloween holiday with traditional costumes and other forms of celebration that include the scary or overwhelming aspects of the holiday. Because we plan unique celebration activities in each room, we ask that you **not** send a costume to school with your child. As an alternative, the classrooms will have special ways of incorporating the elements of dress up and fantasy play within their daily/weekly plans. These may include, but are not limited to, an All School Pajama Day on Tuesday, October 31st, cooking projects, fall activities using pumpkins, gourds, and apples, and many other fun-filled experiences. It is our goal to eliminate the often frightening and stressful components that can arise with the Halloween holiday. If you should have any questions, please feel free to talk with your child's classroom teachers. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and support in making this fall season as stress-free as possible!



PUMPKIN PIE PLAYDOUGH RECIPE

What's Needed:

1 1/2 Cups Flour
 3/4 Cup Salt
 1 1/2 teaspoon Cream of Tarter
 1 Tablespoon Pumpkin Pie Spice
 1 1/2 Cups Water
 1 Tablespoon Oil
 Orange Food Coloring ...10 drops

Directions:

1. Place all ingredients into medium saucepan and mix
2. Cook over medium heat and constantly stir for 4-5 min.
It will form into a thick ball keep stirring & flipping until the dough isn't sticky.
3. Remove from heat and knead it for a few minutes.
You may need to add a little flour to get the right consistency.
4. Let cool and then start playing!
5. Store in an airtight container to keep for a few weeks!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 10/10 and Wednesday 10/11 Lion's Club Eye Screenings (Project Eyesight)

Wednesday, October 18th
 Thursday, October 19th
 Friday, October 20th

Orange/Red Rooms
 Green/Purple Rooms
 Yellow/Blue Rooms

School Pictures
 with Linville Alston Photography
 Order form and payment needed

Tuesday, October 31st All School Pajama and Pizza Party!

