



STAR KIDS INTERNATIONAL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER





STAR KIDS TIMES

Dear parents,

We wish you a warm welcome to our October newsletter. It is not as warm outside as last month, but that doesn't seem to stop our children from coming through the doors with big smiles. It has been a wonderfully busy month. We hope you enjoyed the recent Fall celebration! It is always nice to be together as a whole family. Costumes and a Fall Show make it even more festive.

October has been fantastic. The second month of pre-school went wonderfully. The children are enjoying exciting activities and games while learning to become more independent. The kids had so much fun at the Fall Concert too! Thank you parents for your support and delicious snacks!



CIRCLE TIME

At Star Kids International, we enjoy music all day long. But we also have a special gathering every morning called circle time. During circle time, children sing songs together, recite verses and use movements. The circle time becomes not only music and movement gathering, but a time to practice math and speech through physical movement.



WEATHER AND FALL

We began October with a "Weather and Fall" unit. October is a month where many changes in the weather happen. We watched the changes, and saw that the autumn season was beginning. We talked about the seasons and various types of weather, and watched as colorful leaves seasons, and watched as the leaves turned brilliant colors and fell to the ground. We gathered these leaves for a variety of art activities, as well as tools for discovery in math and science lessons. In music classes, we learned many songs such as "Four Seasons", "Autumn Leaves" and "Rain Rain Go Away."



"Starlights have been exploring the wonders of fall, looking closely at the many different sizes, shapes, and colors of leaves. In class they have discussed why leaves change their colors and fall

from trees. They have explored fall through art, making wonderful projects as leaf wreath using such fall colors as red, yellow, and orange.

Topic: Pumpkin life cycle

Last week, children discovered the pumpkin life cycle. They learned all about pumpkins. To introduce children to the life cycle of a pumpkin, teachers demonstrated the growth stages with a pumpkin seed, seedling, flower and a fully-grown pumpkin. Then, students began making their art projects by putting the life cycle of a pumpkin in order. They enjoyed a number of pumpkin-themed activities, including art projects. We decorated our assembly hall for the Fall Concert with these beautiful hand-made pumpkins.



PHONICS & LITERACY

The Starlights have been learning the sounds *m, d, g, o, e, u, r, b, f, ss, ng, ch, x, ie, oa, and ai*. They have learned words which are built from these sounds and sound combinations, such as rain, tail, road, soap, tie, pie, king, long, foot, book, moon, and etc. They reviewed the sounds learned from previous weeks, and now they are combining these previously-acquired sounds with new ones. Children are now able to read and write words such as sat, map, rat, dip, pen, pan, at, am and -ap word families.



This October, Rainbows learned the sounds N, P, CK and E and as well as the words beginning with these sounds nurse, nest, panda, penguin, parachute, clock, eagle, elephant and more. During class, teachers guide students through a variety of craft activities and songs which incorporate these sounds.



MATHEMATICS

This month the Starlights are focusing on their numerical skills. The children are becoming great mathematicians! The children practiced becoming familiar with numbers up to 30. Some children went ahead up to 50. They did a lot of counting exercises, and some of them have already begun counting by two's. They have started learning even and odd numbers. Students went outside to gather beautiful autumn leaves. They did a great job by counting their leaves and writing the numbers on it.



This month, Rainbows continued working with numbers just beyond 20. They have learned to recognize and use numbers in order and in familiar contexts. They sing songs, read stories and play games relating to shapes, counting, sorting, and matching.



Reading Workshop

During Reader's Workshop, the teachers used "Sight Word Readers" books to give Starlights the opportunity to read playful stories all by themselves and master common sight-words such as *did it*, *me too*, *one two*, *find the*. These books build reading skills and confidence of our young readers.

Rainbows read "Mole digging the hole" and "Ten terrible dinosaurs", and then enjoyed coloring pages based on the story they read.



SCIENCE

In science, Starlights had fun experiments with the wind. They made clouds using hot water and ice cubes. The children were also given worksheets to sort out and better understand which things are hot which are cold.



ART & CRAFT

We've been having fun with a variety of Fall art projects. Rainbows and Starlights had the opportunity to make autumn decoration crafts such as pumpkins from balloons and beans ---they simply poured beans inside of a balloon, tied it shut, and drew faces on it with balloon markers-- skeletons from cotton wraps, ghosts from paper plates and napkins, and fall trees from paper bags. They gathered some leaves from our garden, then traced and colored them.



LOOK! HOW OUR RAINBOWS LEARNING MUSICAL NOTES WITH EASE!



**OUR YOUNG CHEFS ARE LEARNING HOW TO
MAKE FRUIT SALAD!
MMM... YUMMY!!!**



OUTDOOR PLAY



This month we said happy 3rd birthday to Mukhammad and 5th birthday to Mukhammadrakhim!



PAJAMAS DAY

The children just loved the idea of wearing pajamas and looking at the teachers in their funny pajamas. We sat in a circle, read bedtime stories such as "Ten in the bed" or "Just like tonight", and sang some songs together. Kids loved every minute of this day and were so excited!



FALL CONCERT

We had a Fall Concert and Costume celebration in our lovely center this month. For the celebration, we had a wonderful dress up morning where the children all came to preschool in their favorite costumes. We have used our children's fall crafts such as skeletons, paper ghosts, pumpkins, spiders and posters to decorate our preschool. Our parents had become the part of:

- Karate Show - where children demonstrated self-defense and safety skills and were given yellow belt from their Sensei (chief instructor).



- Fall concert- our kids performed Fall Fairy Tale.
- Awarding ceremony- Children were awarded with certificates for being creative, fun and active at classes.



- Halloween Party- On the party, teachers and special invited guests have prepared fun activities and games for kids. Our parents offered food for our children such as juice, candies, biscuits, chocolate cakes, mini pizzas and more.

We had so much fun celebrating our Fall Concert with all of you!
Thank you for coming!



UPCOMING EVENTS

The monthly theme for November is
"FARM ANIMALS AND VEGETABLES"

November 4- Open House

November 10- Photo Day