



# Airport Learning Tree

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### Upcoming Events

**10/16** Picture Day  
**10/27** PNO  
**10/30** Halloween  
 Carnival  
**10/31** Trick-or-  
 Treating



Happy Birthday to you,  
 Happy Birthday to you,  
 Happy Birthday dear...  
 Jax  
 Jordan  
 Tobin  
 Oskar  
 Gavin  
 Ethan  
 Brooke  
 Cassius  
 Mason W  
 and Teacher Tracy  
 Happy Birthday to you!

### ALT News



Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, we will have our trick-or-treating/costume parade. Please feel free to send your child's costume with them or they can wear it to school. Please do not send unnecessary accessories especially anything that represents a weapon of any sort. We will start rotating through the classrooms around 9:30 am and we will start with the infants. Classes may decide to have parties as well so keep your eyes open for sign-up sheets.

### Scholastic Book Orders

Thank you to the families who participated in our first book order of the year! We are patiently awaiting the arrival of some new books. Our due date for October will be **Thursday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to participate, please look for the catalog at the front desk or visit the Scholastic website. If ordering online, our class code is **MBL66**. Thank you in advance for your support!

### No Drop Off Time

Just a quick reminder that we have a no drop off time between 10:30am and 2:30pm. Arriving by 10:30am ensures your child has a chance to play a little before being expected to eat lunch and go down for nap. Also, the bulk of our curriculum takes place in the morning. Thank you for your cooperation in following these guidelines.



### Life Touch Pictures

Life Touch Portraits will be back **Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** to take our fall pictures. All children, except school-age, will be photographed, but keep an eye out for a preference sheet where you can choose a background color as well as list siblings and any other information for the photographer. The photos will be back a few weeks afterwards and you get to take the photos home, choose the ones you want and return payment and any photos you don't want.



### Halloween Happenings

We will be starting our Halloween festivities with our annual Halloween Carnival held on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 - 5:00pm. This event is organized and run by the school-age kids and is a great opportunity for them to interact with the younger children and also a great time for parents to visit with each other. Please plan to spend some time that afternoon with your child enjoying the carnival and all its fun.

## Snuggle Bunnies loved by Denae & Courtney

October has arrived; the month of Halloween is here. We welcomed Jaden, Otto, Oliver, and Elena. Our new friends have been excited to join us. Our spooky theme is all things Halloween. We've been reading books throughout the month about dinosaurs. Milestones in our friends have greatly progressed. Jax is beginning to learn how to get up on those knees of his and is scooting around. Elliot is starting to stand up on his own with no hands. He is very proud of his accomplishment. Jaden has started officially crawling all over the room. Oliver is always smiling and talking to us. Elena and Olivia are having fun on the play mats kicking at their toys. Arlo and Nazir are doing well, playing with all their new friends showing them how to stand up on toys. We are looking forward to a fun Halloween month.

## Wobbly Lambs loved by Jan & Tracy

Yay! The crisp cool days of autumn are here. Along with that comes cooler nap times in our Wobbly Lamb room. All of your littles need a nice warm blanket. We will still be going outside too so make sure we have a jacket or sweater handy. We would like at least one change of clothes on hand for each child but two would be awesome.

All of our new children have settled in nicely and they all seem to love being in our class. We are continuing to use sign language so that our non-verbal children can communicate their needs. They are so smart and pick up on it fast! We will be practicing our colors and counting to ten this month. We will be working with letter sounds and sight. There will be some fun art projects for Halloween. We all hope you have a fun filled month.

## Tiger Cubs I loved by Reanna

My goodness September is over already and we are fully into fall now! September did bring us some crazy weather though. We had a bit of a time adjusting to not going outside every day, but we made it through with lots of dress up time and creative energy burners. We had fun going on buggy rides to discover fall leaves too.

October is bringing the beginning of holiday season. Halloween is a great time for us toddlers who

love to dress up. It's an art explosion too! Hopefully you'll notice our room becoming more and more spookier through the upcoming weeks. We will be having a Halloween party on Halloween too, so keep your eyes peeled for a sign-up sheet. We more than welcome costumes on that day as well. Keep in mind with the oncoming of fall, our weather is going to be up and down. Please dress in layers and have shoes that are good just in case we're out on the wet bark chips. While

we don't go out when it's actually raining, we will go out if it's just wet outside. And who doesn't know a toddler that LOVES to jump into any available puddles? So be sure to have a couple changes of clothes on hand just in case. Happy Fall!



## Tiger Cubs II loved by Abby & Chela

This past month we used our senses to feel, smell, hear, and taste things. We practiced potty training, painted trees, and worked on letters I, J, K, and L along with numbers 1-10. This upcoming month we'll make a lot of decorations for our Halloween party! We will also make Jello worms to eat and play with. We'll carve a pumpkin and make healthy Halloween treats. We will also play games like spider stomp, pin the spider on the web, spider races, and ghost bowling. We'll practice our Spanish words by adding "pumpkin," "ghost," and "spider" to our vocabulary. We will work on letters M, N, O, and P with emphasis on numbers 3, 4, 5, and 6. We'll count pumpkins, make ghosts, and tell spooky stories by flashlight.

## Fuzzy Ducks loved by Deby, Kierra, & Stacey

We talked about how special we are and who's in our family. We did fingerprint art and a self portrait. We learned about apples - what's inside, what color do we like best? We even painted with apples. The favorite was making and eating apples.

Next was learning about our Five Senses. We painted on sandpaper. That felt weird. We tried painting blindfolded but we kept peeking. We tasted lemons and chocolate - which was better? We ended the month with fall by

talking about the leaves falling down. How they are starting to turn colors and sang a song called *Autumn Leaves are Falling Down*. Ask your child to sing it for you.

## Bouncy Bears loved by Lissette , Debbi & Bri

We have enjoyed the "All about Me" unit this past month. It was a great way to begin the fall season and introduce children to each other. We discussed the color of our eyes and hair, and measured how tall we are. Also, we learned about our feelings, emotions, and being able to take care of ourselves.

For our next unit, "My Home and My Family," children will be given opportunities to connect what they learned about themselves in the previous unit to their families,

homes, and communities. We plan on discussing what our families do together and how we interact at home through sequencing and photo cards. We will also practice sorting skills, such as sorting household objects by size. In addition, we will express our creativity by drawing family portraits and making house collages.

We would also love to put together a Family Wall in our classroom. We think the kiddos will truly enjoy it. So please bring in family photos so

I can put them all together on our wall. You can include aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, pets etc. We will also be celebrating the birthdays of Jordan and Mason.

Just a few quick reminders - please check your child's take home art folders (by doorway entrance of Jr. K classroom). Also, please remember to take home naptime blankets on Fridays (or your last day of the week) to be washed and returned on Monday (or the day you return). We wash sheets on Friday.

## Kindergarten loved by Ru

We are off and running in kindergarten! Although we've only been together for a couple weeks, it seems like we've been doing this for ages! We started out with the theme of "Welcome to Kindergarten" which helped us to learn the rules and routine of our new class. We also drew some really creative and funny self-portraits that can be seen on a bulletin board in our classroom. We then moved on to "Friendship" as our theme and this theme also included a study of raccoons. Our teacher showed us some real raccoon bones and we tried to guess what each bone was. That sure was fun and interesting! During friendship week we talked about what it means to be a good friend. Our teacher gave us some examples of things a friend might do, and we had to show a thumbs up or a thumbs down for being a good friend or a bad friend. We all knew the right answer and are now trying our hardest to act as a good friend each day. The first two weeks we

read a lot of stories about school! We couldn't get enough of them and kept asking for more. We've now moved on to "Autumn" talking about the changes in weather, what is happening on the trees, and what special times we have to look forward to. We took our first walk as a class when we went on a leaf hunt. We set out with the goal of finding a variety of shapes and colors and did an awesome job! We then brought the leaves back and did classic leaf rubbings. We were so surprised to see how the leaves showed up on the paper and talked about being able to see the veins of the leaf. We have also been doing a letter study each week so we are experts on letters C and U.

We are gearing up for a busy month! October will have us talking about themes of "Apples and Trees," followed by "Colors," "Pumpkins" and finally "Halloween!" We will learn letters A, T, E, and F and focus on numbers 1-10. For apples and trees

week we will complete our first class graph by asking the question - Which color apple do you like best? We may also try our hand at cooking by whipping up some applesauce. We can smell that wonderful smell of apples cooking already! Color week will have us exploring what happens when you mix colors together and reading plenty of fun stories that talk about colors. Finally, we will celebrate Halloween with a week about pumpkins and a week of Halloween fun! We will also have a few full days with the school-age kids preparing for the Halloween carnival.

Hopefully we are all adjusting to the changes of kindergarten. It was a bit of an adjustment to not have as much free play, but we think we are getting used to the routine and know when to expect our free play time and what we need to do to get there. If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please don't hesitate to ask!



## Panthers loved by Robin, Shirley, Kayla, & Ru

In the month of September, we made s'mores and snow cones. We went on a nature walk and did salt art. We had an awesome fun time outside with Teacher Robin when it was super-hot - like 90 degrees! She filled up 60 or 70 water balloons and we all had such fun. We got to practice archery and hula hoop fun outside also.

A few days after the kindergarteners moved to our class, Teacher Robin did an ice breaker for us school-agers to get to know the new younger kids and vice versa. When she tapped us on the head, we said our favorite color and our favorite toy. Teacher Robin already knew the kindergarteners favorite colors.

She told us she had a tea party with them before we got there. They said they liked it a lot.

Some of us school-agers have learned to play hacky sack. It is awesome! We've also gotten quite involved with puzzles and some new card games. These will be good activities to keep us busy when the weather doesn't allow us to get outside. To end the month, we hung up the piñata we made last month and it was the very first person in line that whacked it and broke it. Turns out she's a piñata expert and had five at her last birthday party! We plan on making a pumpkin one next month.

Next month we will be having our annual carnival on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October. Yay! Also in October, we will be making so much fun stuff - toilet paper roll bats, Frankenstein face, folded paper pumpkins, and Halloween poetry. We also will be making up Halloween stories to print and melted crayon pumpkins and not scary skull paper plate masks. We will also be using our chef skills for making zucchini bread. We cannot wait! We will be doing a GIANT Halloween crossword puzzle as well. There will be other fun stuff like finger printing fun and finger prints to take home. We will have a Halloween good time all month long!

