

Infant Curriculum - OCTOBER

Theme: **Fall Harvest**

Weekly Topic: **Harvest Party/Halloween**

Date: **Oct Wk 4**

Arts & Culture: **America/Columbus Day**

Developmental Domain	Description and Objective of Activity
1 Language & Communication Development (Communicating with each other)	<p>Book: Mouses First Halloween Rhyme: <i>There Was a Crooked Man</i></p> <p>Poem/Song : <i>Five Little Pumpkins</i></p> <p>Letter of the Week: Intro Letter D/Phonics & D Song. Read books that start with the letter of the week. Write/display the letter in the classroom.</p> <p>Puppet Show: Use puppets to introduce new vocabulary, animal sounds and stories</p>
2 Cognitive Development (Discovering the World Around Me)	<p>Play peek-a-boo & Jack-In-The-Box: Babies understand object permanence and love to be in on the joke in peekaboo or other hiding games, or when you pull out a jack-in-the-box.</p> <p>Moving & Counting: Move and count large objects into container.</p> <p>Shapes & Colors: Intro to circle and the color purple. Play games with purple balls. Sort purple object in a circle.</p>
3 Social-Emotional Development Emotional Development All About Me)	<p>Facial Expressions: Practice with teachers different facial expressions i.e. happy, sad, surprised etc</p> <p>Speaking: Responding to babies talk and discuss our day</p> <p>Singing: Sing lullabies and tell nursery rhymes with a soft voice.</p> <p>Eye Contact: Hold the baby and have eye contact, while talking to him and responding to his interests.</p>
4 Physical Health & Well being Development <u>Fine Motor Development</u> (control & refine small muscles) <u>Large Motor Development</u> (control & refine large muscles) <u>Sensory</u> (Discover five senses)	<p>FINE MOTOR DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Bat Catch: obj: to practice grasping and catching</p> <p>Count Chocula Pick Up cereal to practice grasp</p> <p>Fruit & Vegetable Drop to encourage eyehand coordination</p> <p>Holding Objects: Hold objects that reflect a pattern or real fruit and vegetables.</p> <p>Puzzles: Put together/apart plastic fruit/food</p> <hr/> <p>LARGE MOTOR DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Classroom Maze: 1. Move furniture to create a maze, or use large boxes securely attached to the floor to create a maze. 2. Guide the children, one at a time, through the maze. 3. This can be done with crawling and walking children.</p> <p>Ball Games: Kick, throw and catch balls</p> <hr/> <p>SENSORY DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Black and White: Provide baby's black and white toys. It sends strong strong signals to develop the brain.</p> <p>5 Senses: Hearing and smelling new Halloween sounds/smells. Feel leaves and pumpkins.</p> <p>Pumpkin Jack-O'-Lantern Sensory Bag: Children will play with real pumpkin sensory bag.</p>
5 Music & Development	<p>Songs: Seasons (Tune of This Old Man), Itzy Bitzy Spider.</p> <p>Dancing: Form a circle and dance to the sound of We Get Together</p> <p>Instruments: Lets form a band!</p>
5 Creative Development	<p>Painting objects that remind us of Harvest Decorations</p>
6 Sign Language	<p>1. Water</p> <p>2. Review: More, Please, Thank You, All Done, Eat</p>