



Picasso

Learning Pathways Preschool  
October Newsletter

Artist of the Month—Pablo Picasso  
Composer of the Month—Beethoven  
Letters of the Month—Tt, Pp, Ww, Xx

Explore the Sides and Vertices of Shapes  
Letters and Sounds, Blending Vowels and Consonants,  
Sight words—the, is, see, like, go, to, me, on, of, and, can, my  
Theme—Our Busy Body, The Five Senses, Halloween



Beethoven

Our first month together was wonderful. We have become very well acquainted and feel quite comfortable with one another. Our young students are already demonstrating progress in many areas. We are having so much fun singing about letters, shapes and colors. We have many activities planned for October and we are looking forward to sharing the experiences with our children and their families.

Creative Arts	Literacy	Math	Science	Health/Safety	Physical Development	Social /Emotional
Art and craft activities related to shapes. Use shapes to create new forms Art activities related to the five senses and our body.	Identifying the letters in our names. Number and letter printing Sight words Correct pencil grasp Alphabet Sounds	Growing with Math-alike and different Saxon math-composing and decomposing numbers Sorting Patterning Positional words Comparisons Big/Small Wide/Narrow Thick/Thin Opposites	Discuss bones, muscles and body systems  Implement experiments using the five senses  Investigate the skeletal structure	Review indoor and outdoor safety rules.  Fire/ Earthquake drills.	Bicycle Pedaling  Throwing, catching and kicking balls  Move and stop games  Moving to a rhythmic beat.	Discuss the word “compliment”, and how receiving and giving compliments make us feel.
The colors of Halloween  Halloween art and crafts.  Dramatize chants, poems and stories	Books Focused on Our Busy Bodies, The Five Senses, Feelings and Halloween.	Rote Counting and Number Recognize 1 to 5, 1to 10, 1 to 20 1 to 1 Correspondence	Observe and discuss the texture, shape, size, inside and outside of a pumpkin	Discuss how good eating habits and exercise to keep our bodies fit and healthy.	Use writing tools  Lace necklaces  Cut shapes and forms	Facial expressions, body language, words, behavior and actions that tell us when we feel happy or sad and when others feel happy or sad.
Music and Movement  Art Concepts with instructor	Letters, Ff, Tt, Pp, Ww and their sounds. Beginning sounds. Short “a” blends and words	Number words One, two, three, four  Ordinal numbers  Simple graphing	Pouring and Mixing	Halloween safety	<b><u>Pathways to Fitness and Coordination</u></b> Soccer skills, locomotor skills-running and jumping, manipulating a ball. Flexibility and group dynamics.	Discuss Real and make-believe. (wearing costumes and masks)

## **In addition, Kindergarten will focus on the following:**

- Math—Writing numbers one to twenty, quantity in sets (least and most), left and right, addition and subtraction story problems, information processing.
- Reading—one and two vowel readers, story comprehension, writing our own stories, parts of a story (setting, characters, plot).
- Science – In depth study of the body systems and functions (respiratory, skeletal, muscular, cardiovascular, nervous system) and the five senses.

## **Extra-Curricular Classes**

### **Dance Instructor, Miss Tina:**

Dance class is moving right along and our little dancers are doing great. During tap class, we have been working on the basics such as heels and toes as well as learning how to tap in rhythm with the music. We also have completed our first dance routine to “If You Are Happy and You Know It”! In ballet, we are introducing the five basic positions and working on our balance.

### **Yoga Instructor, Miss Danielle:**

We have been focusing on the importance of breath and posture in all our poses. I also introduced alphabet poses for letters A through J. My little yogis and I have had a wonderful time incorporated games, songs and stories into each class as well.

### **Cooking Instructor, Miss Cynthia:**

To start our year, we’ve introduced some fun recipes to get our new students enthusiastic about cooking class and our returning students excited about new recipes. We’ve gone over basic cooking safety and rules while practicing our measuring, mixing, pouring and mashing skills that even our littlest chefs are mastering. Classes have been a delight and the children arrive to class eager to participate. We are looking forward to creating some “boo-tiful” concoctions during the month of October.

## **Language classes**

### **Mandarin Teachers, Miss Tianyu and Miss Scarlett:**

During the past month, we taught our students where China is located on the globe, major landmarks (the Great Wall, Mount Everest) of China, customs, Mandarin greeting words, manner words, basic colors, numbers 1-12, days of the week, and months of the year.

### **Spanish Teachers, Miss Julia, Miss Coco, Miss Miriam:**

During the month of September, our students learned the Spanish words for common colors and shapes, along with common greetings. We also learned several fun Spanish language children songs.