



CURRICULUM

The following areas of focus are common topics that may emerge this month: "Fall Changes", "Apples", and "Human Body Parts", "What is a Fruit/What is a vegetable", Pumpkin Exploration", and "Food that Help Us Grow".



DATES TO REMEMBER

Great American Shake Out

At 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, October 15th, millions of Californians, including Children's Village, will participate in the largest earthquake drill! We will practice Drop, Cover, and Hold On.

The *Great California Shake Out* is held statewide on the third Thursday of October each year. In addition to this large event, the teachers conduct routine earthquake drills in the classroom on a regular basis. Before and after our drill, teachers review what to do in the event of an earthquake (the ground starts to shake).

We invite everyone to visit the Great California Shake Out website at <http://www.shakeout.org/>.

We also would like to remind all parents to please provide your child with an "Emergency Kit". If you need a handout on what the kit should contain, please let the office know and we can email you a copy of the flyer.



Sensory Screening

The Southern California Sensory Screening will be at our school on **Tuesday, October 20th**. They screen in four different areas including hearing, speech, language, vision and gross/fine motor. The optional screening is available for children three years and over. The cost is \$35 for any two tests or \$40 for all four tests. *Please return the attached form by **Thursday the 15th** if you would like your child to participate.*

School Closing Early

The school will be closing at **4:00pm** on **Thursday, October 22nd** for Staff Development. All children must be picked up by 4pm on this day.

Scholastic Book Orders

October Scholastic book orders are available near your child's sign in/out book. **All book orders are due Friday, October 16th**. Order forms can be submitted to the office or online:

www.scholastic.com/bookclubs
Our school activation code is: **GKJ9B**



Pajama Days

Pajama Days will be **Thursday, October 29th and Friday, October 30th**. For safety reasons, please make sure your child wears school appropriate shoes, **not slippers.**

CITY OF ORANGE VIRTUAL REC CENTER

Have you visited the City of Orange's Virtual Rec Center? The city is committed to providing fun activities for the whole family to safely enjoy in and around your home. Follow the city's recreation center on social media to stay up to date on recreation activities, classes, and special events. For example, modifications for the city's annual Treats in the Streets Autumn Festival will be released soon.

<https://www.cityoforange.org/1149/City-Special-Events>

[Facebook.com/cityoforangerecreation](https://www.facebook.com/cityoforangerecreation)

[Instagram.com/cityoforange_recreation](https://www.instagram.com/cityoforange_recreation)



LOOKING INTO NOVEMBER

- * **Thursday, November 5th** = School Closes @ 4pm for staff development.
- * **Wednesday, November 11th** = School Closed in honor of Veterans Day
- * **Thursday, November 26th & Friday, November 27th** = School Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday



Time Change

On **Sunday, November 1st**, we will change the clocks back one hour. Please be aware that it is normal for children to go through an adjustment period during this time.

For the children who are picked up later from school, please explain to them that it might be dark when you pick them up, as this can be confusing for children. This will reassure them that you will be here to pick them up *at the usual time.*

Additionally, making some small changes to your child's sleep schedule beforehand can help cushion the transition. To help adjust, it is suggested to gradually shift your child's bedtime later in preparation for daylight saving time. For example, if your child goes to bed at 8 p.m., about four days before the time change, put him/her to bed at 7:45 p.m., then 7:30 p.m., and so on until he/she is going to bed as close to 7 p.m. as possible. If possible, wake him/her up a little earlier, as well. "Doing this step-by-step is not as much of a shock to the system as it is when children are expected to fall asleep an hour earlier after the time change.

<https://www.parents.com/kids/sleep/tips/daylight-saving-time/>

