



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 "Foods that Help Us Grow".

OCTOBER EVENT UPDATE

With our existing pandemic, the following activities/events have been canceled.

Monday, October 11th = Preschool Field Trip-Irvine Park Pumpkin Patch

Wednesday, October 13th = Fall Festival – Due to the cancellation of this event, we will operate at regular hours on this day 7:00am to 6:00pm. **We will not be closing at 4:00pm for the event.**



DATES TO REMEMBER

Great American Shake Out

At 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, October 21st, 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 families 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.



Scholastic Book Orders

October Scholastic book orders are available near your child's sign in/out book. **All book orders are due Thursday, October 14th.** Order forms can be submitted to the office or online:

www.scholastic.com/bookclubs

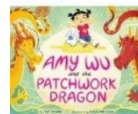
Our school activation code is: GKJ9B

Read for the Record

On **Thursday October 28th** children and adults worldwide, including Children's Village, will participate in the world's largest shared reading experience by reading this year's campaign book, *Amu Wu and the Patchwork Dragon* by Kay Zhang.

Amu Wu and the Patchwork Dragon tells the story of Amy, and how she loves craft time at school. But when her teacher asks everyone to make their own dragon, Amy feels stuck. Her first dragon has a long, wingless body, stag-like horns, and eagle claws, but her friends don't think it's a *real* dragon. Then she makes dragons like theirs, but none of them feels quite right...None of them feels like *hers*. After school, a story from Grandma sparks new inspiration, and Amy rounds up her family to help her. Together, they make Amy's perfect dragon.

"Read for the Record" is a global campaign that generates public support for high-quality early learning & highlights the importance of building children's vocabulary and love of reading.



Pajama Days

Pajama Days will be **Thursday, October 28th and Friday, October 29th.** For safety reasons, please make sure your child wears school appropriate shoes, **not slippers.**

LOOKING INTO NOVEMBER

- * **Wednesday, November 3rd** = School Closes @ 4pm for staff development.
- * **Thursday, November 11th** = School Closed in honor of Veterans Day
- * **Thursday, November 25th & Friday, November 26th** = School Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Infant and Preschool conferences are currently scheduled for **November**. Due to the current pandemic, optional Parent Teacher phone conferences will be provided this fall. If you are interested, we would like to give you the opportunity to schedule a phone conference with your child's teacher to discuss your child's development.

Phone conferences are not our preferred method for conferences, but due to the pandemic, we have found that this is the best option for the time being.

As time nears, we will send out an email with further information.

Time Change

On **Sunday, November 7th**, 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 earlier 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/>

