

OCTOBER



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS



STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Ms. Dusty Oct. 3rd
Nurse Kim Oct 7th
Ms. Janie Oct 9th
Ms. Lana Oct 15th

CUDDLY & BEE ROOMS

October is here. The cooler temperatures are coming and the leaves are falling. The Cuddly room and the Busy Bees have many fun activities planned for the month of October. We will be learning about the different fall colors: brown, yellow, and orange. Halloween is another event that the children love this time of year. We will be trick or treating to the other classrooms on October 30th. The children are working hard each and every day on their goals and objectives. They are making lots of progress. The children in the Cuddly room are growing up so fast. They are starting to make tracks around the room. The children in the Busy Bee room are really starting to use their words and communicate better. Parents thank you very much for sending your children everyday. The cooler temperatures are here. We will be going outside twice a day. Please be sure to remember to send your children with socks and shoes everyday and a jacket if needed.

RAMBLIN & RAINBOW ROOMS

Fall is here! We are glad for the cooler "football" weather. This month in rooms 3 and 5 we will be talking about fall: fall colors, leaves, pumpkins, harvest, and Halloween. Watch your child's notes for information about trick or treating later this month. Ms. Jamie and Ms. Cynthia are working with the children in the Ramblin' room teaching them to play nicely with their friends. We are learning to share, work together in centers, and pick up our toys. We would like to welcome Mauresha to our room.

Ms. Janie and Ms. Lana K. are working with the children in the Rainbow room on their listening skills. We are learning how to follow directions, listen for cues, participate in circle time, and getting used to our routines. We would like to welcome Carleigh and Keyanna to our room. With the weather getting cooler, we need to make sure your child has warmer clothes to change into. Lots of us are potty training, and accidents happen. Thank you for allowing us to work with your child. We are thankful for your effort to have your child here everyday.

GROWING & SUNSHINE ROOMS

For the month of October we will be working on creepy crawlies things such as spiders, worms and other bugs that are creepy. We will be talking about Halloween and the spooky but, not scary things that go on. We will be reading some wonderful stories that go along with the month of October. There will be lots of activities and opportunities for creative art that will go along with our lessons. This months colors will be red, yellow, orange, and brown. We will continue to learn about fall especially when the leaves really start falling from the trees. Growing room will be asking you to help with a trash bag full of leaves for a planned activity. Ms. Sandy and Ms. Marla will let you know when. Sunshine room will also be talking about fire safety and maybe if things work out there will be a visit from a fireman. On Friday October 30th we will have a Halloween party for the children. We will send a letter about the party later this month. It's going to be a great month and I hope your child doesn't miss a day of it.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Cody	10/3
Tamiya	10/10
Breonna	10/21
Bobby	10/25

October, 2009

**Lisa Ottis Wins
 BEV Award**




The Bev Award is awarded annually to 12 people in the state, one from each KIDS FIRST clinic and POC. It is named for Beverly Bursk, a longtime KIDS FIRST employee, who died in 2001. Beverly was highly regarded by all who know her. Employees may be nominated by co-workers, families, and visitors in whose opinion, the employee demonstrates care and concern for all and best exemplifies the qualities in the BEV award guidelines.

B = Balance and behavior
 E = Excellence and Encouragement
 V = Values and Vigilance

This year's honoree is **Lisa Ottis**. Lisa has been with KIDS FIRST for 8 years. She is a bundle of organized energy and a great role model for everyone. Lisa is a Caregiver IV, Social Services Consultant) and works to improve the quality of services in our clinic on a daily basis.

Congratulations Lisa!




TAKE THE FRIGHT OUT OF FRIGHT NIGHT,
KEEP KIDS SAFE ON HALLOWEEN



The following safety tips from SAFE KIDS and Consumer Product Safety Commission will help make this Halloween injury-free.

- Wear face paint or cosmetics instead of masks which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Each trick-or-treater should have his/her own flashlight.
- Make costumes short enough to avoid tripping over them.
- Stay on sidewalks, and do not cut across
- Decorate costumes and bags with retro-reflective tape
- Make your home safe for visiting trick-or-treaters by removing obstacles such as tools, ladders and children's playthings from steps and lawns.
- Make sure children are accompanied by responsible adults who will keep them in sight at all times.
- Establish a time for children to return home.
- Restrict their trick-or-treat calls to homes with porch or other outside lights on.
- Tell children to bring treats home before eating them.
- Discard the candy without wrappers.
- Limit amount of candy eaten at one time.
- Eat only pre-packaged candy, nothing homemade.
- Inspect all items prior to children eating them.
- Give stickers, activity sheets, pencils or other non-food items for treats.
- Wash all fruit before eating.
- Poison Control Center's Hotline number: 1-800-222-1222.
- For more safety tips go to www.parentcenter.com

Be Safe and have a fun-filled time with your child!



Staff Anniversary

Diana Byers has worked for KIDS FIRST for two years!



October 28, 2009

Teddy Bear Portraits

Make sure your child is here to have their Christmas Pictures taken by Teddy Bear Portraits!