



# KIDS FIRST NEWPORT NEWS



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## Room 4 – Under the Sea

Sometimes cool, sometimes warm; we finally got a break in the weather. Study of Community Helpers extended into September with our favorite firefighters bringing Big Red for us to view. Maeson, Zequan, Chase, Dakota and Liberty walked around the fire truck and ambulance group by group. The firefighter put on a suit and oxygen mask to show us what they might look like if they had to go in our house to save us. We put on our firehats as we learned to STOP, DROP AND ROLL.

We studied forest animals and Fall studies began. All said good bye to Maeson as we welcomed Trevion back into the fold. We are all excited about the colors of Fall.



## Room 1 – Busy Bugs

The month of September flew by! We learned so much about Community Helpers, Transportation, Apples and Fall. We even had some special visitors, the firefighters with their big fire truck. That is Kayson's favorite new word. He loves to identify them anytime he sees the, whether it be a toy or a picture or a book. Ryder and Davis are doing really well at identifying objects as well, their vocabulary has grown so much! Wesley has been doing a great job at playing with and throwing a ball. Will has been vocalizing a lot more and always loves to sing songs. We welcomed our new friend David to our room this month. He is doing really well and loves his new friends. We also had to say goodbye to Justyce as she moved up to the next room. Our room is growing and changing every day and we are so proud of them! Please remember as the weather cools off to send a jacket with your child so they can continue to enjoy their outside play time. Thank you so much for your involvement and letting us be a part of your child's life.

## Room 2 – Mother Goose Nursery

We sure had a warm September! We talked about Community Helpers, Transportation and Apples. We had fun making boats out of foam and apple pies out of apples we colored and plates we painted. We welcomed some new faces to the nursery. Kevin, McKenzie and Nevaeh started at our center and are doing well and making friends. Our babies are progressing well. Paris has learned to sit up by herself. Sara has started letting go of the toy box and standing alone for a few seconds. Our waddlers love to move. Bryce really enjoys throwing balls around with adults and the other children. Hannah likes to dance to music. Ja'Kalen loves to play on the slide. Jacavion enjoys driving the cars around or rocking on the see-saw. Saniya likes pretending to cook things with the kitchen toys. She says her food is "mmm good". This month we will have our Fall festival and talk about pumpkins. Parents, please be sure to send your children in socks and shoes. Even our babies spend time outside when the weather permits. Shoes also help them have better balance when pulling up on things and cruising the room.

## Room 3 – Farm Animals

We can't believe October is already here and we can't wait to see what it will bring! Last month we learned so much about Community Helpers, Transportation, Apples and Fall. We want to say a big thanks to our Fire Department for coming to visit and bringing their big fire truck for us to see. Jeremiah especially loved meeting the firefighters! This month we welcomed Justyce to our room and she's doing great! We did say goodbye to Jarviyon, Johrod and Tristen as they moved up to the next room. Johrie misses his brother but he is doing great at toileting skills! Elijah is also doing very well at toileting and is always so proud of his self for being such a big boy! Semaj loves riding bikes outside and he's even learned how to hitch up the wheelbarrow and tow it behind him. Talijah and Deangelo love to play with the dishes and food in our play kitchen. They love to cook and pretend to eat their yummy creations. Our kids are growing up so fast, we thank you for letting us be a part of their daily lives! Please remember as the weather cools off to send a jacket with your child so we can still play outside!

## **Room 5 – Wild Kingdom**

September fell upon us quickly, bringing cooler breaks in weather. Good bye Summer, hello Fall. Samantha, Gunner, James and Laishaun all enjoyed Community Helpers. We saw and touched a fire truck, learned about STOP, DROP AND ROLL, and got to see an ambulance. We all wore our hats and badges we made. Terrance, Hayden and Braniya enjoyed forest animals. Every kind of transportation was talked about or made in art activities. Jarviyon, Tristen and Johrod moved up into the Wild Kingdom just in time for the beginning of our Fall theme. We've all enjoyed making trees with colored leaves, painting, and playdough. Thank you parents for your kindness, pull ups, and changes of clothing. We appreciate your concern and parent participation.

## **FROM THE NURSE'S CORNER:**

### **HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS**

#### **ALL DRESSED UP:**

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives to masks that can limit or block eyesight. Hats should fit properly to prevent from sliding over eyes.
- Look for costumes, wigs and accessories with a label clearly indicating flame-proof.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.

#### **CARVING A NICHE:**

- Small children should never carve pumpkins. Children can draw a face with markers. Then parents can do cutting.

#### **ON THE TRICK-OR-TREAT TRAIL:**

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will!

#### **HEALTHY HALLOWEEN:**

- A good meal before parties or trick-or-treating will discourage filling up on treats.
- Consider non-food items for your home.
- Wait until children are home to sort and check treats, throwing away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.

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 passed away in 2001. Beverly was highly regarded by all who knew 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 **Jennifer Pittman**, Child Care Technician. Jennifer is a valued KIDS FIRST employee and will be honored October 18<sup>th</sup> at a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion in Little Rock!



**\*\*\*\*FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>\*\*\*\***  
**TEDDY BEAR PORTRAITS BEGINS**  
**AT 8:00AM**

**\*\*\*FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>\*\*\***  
**TRICK-OR-TREATING AT**  
**LINDLEY HEALTH CARE AT 9:00**  
**PARENT MEETING & FALL**  
**FESTIVAL AT 2:00**