



What's humming in the *HUMMINGBIRD CLASS in October?*



YOUR TERRIFIC TODDLER!

Cognitive Development: Toddlers are busy exploring and constructing an understanding of the world. They are fascinated by words and are learning to repeat the words and phrases that they hear. As toddler educators, we will encourage language development this month by singing or saying all our wonderful Halloween songs and poems.

Physical Development: Toddlers thrive in an environment that allows them to move freely and feel comfortable in their growing bodies. They need opportunities each day to practice emerging coordination, movement, and balance skills. They also develop their fine motor skills using their hands and fingers to interact with their environment. We will encourage physical development this month by dancing on tiptoes, walking on a "tightrope" (a strip of tape adhered to the floor), jumping like frogs, playing with large soft balls, and playing with nesting toys.

Creative Art Development: Art gives toddlers opportunities to explore the functions of various materials. They are discovering the sensation of making marks on paper, touching play dough, and interacting with paint. Exploration is not about a result, but rather creating and observing effects. We will encourage creative art development this month by making fall & Halloween projects!

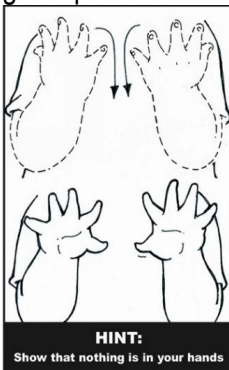


Hummingbird Themes for October...

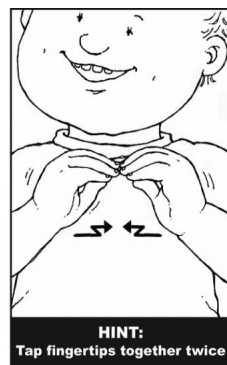
- Color of the Month: ORANGE
- Fire Safety!
- Opposites: Hot/Cold
- Happy Halloween!
- Hand Signs: "More" & "All Done"
- Poem – "Black Cat"
- Song – "Five Pumpkins Sitting on a Gate"

THIS MONTH'S HAND SIGNS...

Each month we will introduce a "Hand Sign" to your little ones. Sign Language helps toddlers communicate their needs.



ALL DONE



MORE

"Black Cat"

Black Cat, Black Cat, Looking for a Witch!
All around the night is dark as pitch,
You can see me 'cause your eyes are green!
Black Cat, Black Cat – This is Halloween – Boo!

"Five Little Pumpkins"

Five Little Pumpkins, sitting on a gate,
The first one said "Oh my, it's getting late".
The second one said, "There are witches in the air".
The third one said, "But we don't care".
The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run".
And the fifth one said, "We're ready for some fun".
Oooooo went the wind, and out went the lights,
And the five little pumpkins, rolled out of sight.

