




TodayCare Times

October, 2024

A Newsletter for St. Joseph's Child Care Center

Keeping Children Safe on Halloween Night....

Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 7 - World Animal & Habitat Day
- Oct. 5 - World Teachers' Day
- Oct. 8 - World Octopus Day
- Oct. 14 - Indigenous People Day
- Oct. 20 - Int'l. Sloth Day 

HALLOWEEN PARADE

We will have the **Halloween Parade** on **Tuesday, October 31 @ 10:00 a.m.**, in the big playground. Parents should come inside through the playground's gate, and bring candy to pass around. Please dress-up your children in costumes and provide them a bag or basket to put their candy.

Parents, Don't forget to keep two full changes of clothes in your child's cubby for those little emergencies. And please remember to include socks and extra underwear (for children who wear them), and to label all of the items. Also, please check often to make sure the extra clothes are weather appropriate, and that they still fit your child.

The SJCC Parent Advisory Board meets on the third Friday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in our Teacher's Lounge

Remaining

2024

Meeting Dates:

October 18

November 15

December 20



Many kids are already anticipating Halloween night when they will disguise themselves and visit neighbors for handfuls of candy. But this night of fun can sometimes turn a bit scary - in more ways than one. To keep your children safe, be sure to remember the following:

For Costume Safety, Use:

- Light or bright colors.
- Flame-resistant material.
- Reflective trick-or-treat bags or reflective tape on costumes.
- Face makeup rather than masks (which can make it harder for kids to see).
- Small, flexible costume props.
- Tags with the child's name, address and phone number.

For Safe Trick-Or-Treating:

- Have an adult accompany children at all times.
- Carry a flashlight or glow sticks.
- Stop at street corners.
- Look left, right and left again before crossing the street.
- Never walk between parked cars.
- Walk only on well-lit sidewalks.
- Never cut across yards
- Stop only at houses with outside lights on.
- Carefully check treats before letting children eat them.



CELEBRATING THE BILINGUAL CHILD MONTH

October recognizes bilingual children. A person who is bilingual knows two or more languages and understand multiple cultures. Children who speak two or more languages offer fabulous insights for classrooms, because they act as a bridge between multiple cultures.

Celebrate their culture and language by encouraging them to share a little through activities. Don't single them out, but help them to be enthusiastic about their heritage through interactive games.

Strengthen reading skills by bringing home bilingual books. Visit libraries and online resources that provide bilingual options. Across languages, many words look and sound alike and often have similar meanings. Provide the children with opportunities to discover these words and explore their meanings and common connections across cultures.

Celebrating Fall with Your Child!

1. Have a leaf throwing contest – Find fallen leaves and see who can throw them the farthest.
2. Attend a Fall Festival – Look for upcoming community events to attend in the paper or on the internet.
3. Create a family scrapbook – Gather pictures of family activities along with descriptions and comments into a lasting keepsake.
4. Make an Autumn treat at home – A traditional favorite or new experimental recipe.

An Ounce of Prevention!

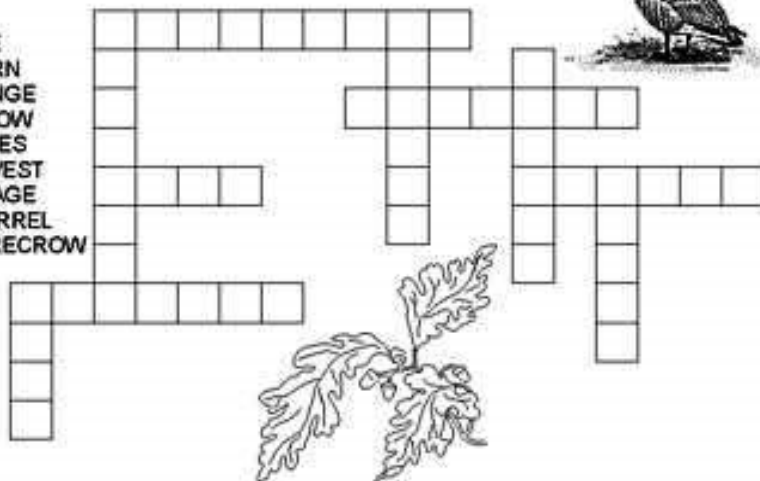
While you can't prevent your kids from getting sick, you can reduce their risk by following some very easy steps:

- Teach your children to wash their hands frequently during the day, especially after using the restroom, after they wipe their nose and before eating.
- Tell your children not to share food or drinks or put foreign objects in their mouths.
- Remind them to cover their mouths when sneezing or coughing.
- Advise your kids to try and avoid touching their face, especially after touching frequently used objects like seats and door handles.
- Make sure your children drink lots of fluids to stay hydrated and to flush the toxins out of their system.
- Make sure your children eat plenty of fruits and vegetable and get plenty of rest to boost their immune system.
- Make sure countertops are clean in the kitchen and bathrooms, especially when someone in your family has a cold. Discard used tissues right away.
- Do not smoke near your child, and do not let others smoke near your child.
- Consider getting the Covid-19 & flu vaccinations. They are the best way to protect children and adults from these viruses.

Fall Crossword

Fit all the words into this puzzle below

- FALL
- RAKE
- ACORN
- ORANGE
- YELLOW
- LEAVES
- HARVEST
- FOLIAGE
- SQUIRREL
- SCARECROW



Fruit Turkey Platter

Here's a quick, healthful snack kids are sure to love. No utensils needed!

Level: Easy

Ingredients:

- Apple
- Banana
- Kiwi
- Dried cranberries or raisins
- Tiny doll hat (optional)



Directions:

- Start by making the turkey's body. Slice an apple in half. Place the apple in the center of a plate, with the flat side down.
- Create the turkey's feathers by chopping up the remaining apple as well as the kiwi and banana, into small slices. Form 3-4 strands of feathers that extend from the turkey's body.
- Create the turkey's face! Use the raisins to create the turkey's eyes, and a small triangular piece of kiwi to form the turkey's beak. As a final step, cut out six small, thin slices of the apple's skin to form the turkey's feet. Add a top hat (optional) and then enjoy your turkey fruit plate!!

Cranberry Jello is only sold in November and December, and is the only Jello flavor that comes from real fruit, not artificial flavoring.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...!

STUDENTS

- Stone Coe - October 02.
- Lorenzo Pagan - October 04.
- Otto Lucas Ostolaza – October 18.
- Graham Jinnette - October 18.
- Cylia Amrani - October 19.
- Mason Siefring - October 23.
- Michael Houyou - October 27.
- Iris Wallace - October 28.

TEACHERS

- Cookie White - October 3.
- Monika Jones - October 15.

