

## October 2016

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### October Curriculum

Our themes for the month of October include fall, the farm and Halloween. We will be learning all about fall and the changing seasons, why farming and farm animals are important to our lives, as well as who takes care of farm animals/plants.

We will be discussing Halloween/ safety and work on learning letters E - F, the number 2 and the color orange.

### Fall Fundraiser

Storyland would like to thank each and every one of you for your help and participation!

We will be providing our school with more supplies for outdoor activities as well as filling all of our teacher's wish list items for their classrooms.

An extra special thank you to our top sellers this year:

- William
- Brody
- Johnathan
- Lucas & Avery

### Pumpkin Patch

Please join us for Storyland's Pumpkin Patch!

We have planned fun outdoor activities including sensory bins, planting pumpkin seeds and a special snack. Each child will be able to pick one pumpkin, one Indian corn and one gourd to take home.

Tuesday, October 11th—Little Stars (East Ave. play yard)

Little Monkeys/Little Owls (main play yard)

Wednesday, October 12th—The Bay and Sunshine Rooms (main play yard)

The cost is \$8 per child

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## Picture Days

Picture day for Little Stars, Little Monkeys and Little Owls classes will be Wednesday, October 19th at 9:00 am.

The Sunshine and Bay Room's picture day is Thursday, October 20th beginning at 9:00 am.

All children are welcome to come in and have their picture taken but we ask you stay with them if it is not their regularly scheduled day.

Please check your child's file folder for more information.

## Halloween Party & Parade

Friday, October 28th we will be celebrating Halloween with a costume party and parade. We will begin our day with the parade at approximately 10:00 am. Immediately following our parade we have many activities planned; games, prizes and treats, music and dancing, coloring and craft tables.

Little Stars will celebrate Halloween in their classroom with a special craft, games and trick or treating!

All children are welcome but due to teacher/child ratios we ask you stay with your child if it is not their regularly scheduled day.

Please check the front communication board for sign-up sheets if you are interested in donating non-candy products.

## Upcoming Events

### October:

- Little Owls/Little Monkeys/Little Stars Pumpkin Patch Tues, October 11
- The Bay Room/Sunshine Room Pumpkin Patch Wed, October 12
- Picture Days Wed/Thurs, October 19/20
- Halloween Party and Parade Fri, October 28

### December:

- Breakfast with Santa & Book Exchange Fri, December 16
- Storyland will be closed December 23rd—January 2nd

### November:

- Canned Food Drive November 1-11th
- Thanksgiving Lunch, Thurs, November 17
- November 24-25 Storyland closed for Thanksgiving



## Reminders

- Please sign your child in and out everyday. Do not let your child touch the sign-in screen.
- To provide your child with a sense of comfort and security please keep to a regular drop-off schedule, **before 9:00 am**. Late arrivals also cause interruptions to our program and cause your child to miss important class time learning.
- Please label all of your child's belongings such as jackets, sweaters, lunchboxes, sheets/blankets and pillow cases.
- Check your child's file folder daily for their art and school work, as well as any paperwork or important notices from teachers or administration.
- Storyland closes at 6:00 pm. There is a late charge of \$1 per minute after 6:00 pm. The late fee is payable to the closing teacher at that time.
- If you love Storyland School, please share your experience at Yelp.com or you can go directly to <http://www.yelp.com/biz/storyland-preschool-livermore>

## Happy Birthday!

Benjamin Maker	10/2	Sam Gerow	10/24
Trent Leeds	10/6	Nolan Bruley	10/25
Lauren Payne	10/16		
Landon Judge	10/16		
Mina Uberoy	10/19		
Lucas Wiedenhoeft	10/23		





## Parent Center

### Help your Preschooler Gain Self-Control

When asked about school readiness skills, many teachers say children who succeed in kindergarten know when and how to control their impulses. They can follow through when a task is difficult and listen to directions for a few minutes. These skills are linked to self-control. Children can develop them at preschool and at home. Here are a few ways families can help children learn self-control.

**Finish what you are doing, then respond to requests for attention.** For example, if you are on the phone and your child asks for something (and it's not an emergency), let her know you need to take time to complete your conversation. This is a good way to let your child practice waiting for a short time.

**Change the rules of a game to make it an opposite game.** For example, instead of playing the familiar version of Simon Says, play Simon Doesn't Say. Explain the new rule in words and actions: "Do the opposite of what Simon asks you to do. If Simon Says 'Touch your head,' you should touch your toes." Be sure to demonstrate how this works. Keep directions simple. Take turns being Simon.

**Do activities together that require following directions.** For example, put together a model, play follow the leader, or cook or bake: "I'm going to read the recipe aloud. Listen carefully so we will both know what to do. I'll read them again as we do each step."

**Help children understand how long they will have to wait for something and suggest activities to do while they wait.** Say to your child, "Grammy and Grampy are coming over before dinner. Would you like to draw some pictures to give them?" or "As soon as I put your sister to bed, I will read you some stories. You can choose three books for us to read together."

**Work with your child to complete a puzzle that has a few more pieces than he or she is used to.** Set up the puzzle in a place where you can work on it for several days, if needed. Celebrate together when one of you puts the last piece in place.

**Plant some easy-to-grow marigold seeds in a pot or in a garden.** Check together every day until the plants pop up. Over time, watch the plant grow leaves and flowers.



<http://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/child-development/help-your-preschooler-gain-self-control#sthash.t3j5zl41.dpuf>

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