



October 2010

Reminders:

- Sandy Valley Closed Oct 11th
- Open House Oct 13th
- Malvern Closed Oct 22nd
- Fall Pictures Oct 25th.

Open House

Now that the children and staff have had a month to get to know each other and settle into a routine, we would like to invite you to our Open House on October 13th from 5:00-7:00pm. Bring the whole family and enjoy time with your child in his or her classroom. This is a great way for the children to show and tell you how they spend their day at OakPark Pre-school. The staff will be available to answer questions. We look forward to seeing you at the Open House.

Fundraiser

We are having another cookie dough fundraiser. It starts on 10/4/2010 and ends 10/15/2010. Money needs to be collected when orders are placed. Proceeds will go towards classroom wish list. This was a great fundraiser last year and the cookies are really good. Our goal is to sell 50 cases between all three centers. Please help us reach our goal!!!

Fall Family Fun

For kids especially, autumn is a magical season for outdoor activities for families: great weather, colorful leaves, and family-oriented festivals galore. Don't miss out! Get your kids outside and into the autumn groove. Find out what's happening in your area, or plan a weekend getaway

You don't need special equipment for an afternoon jaunt--just some jackets, water and snacks. Kids may also enjoy bringing along autumn journals and crayons for recording observations and making leaf rubbings, and small paper bags for storing treasures found along the path. Once home, kids can use these finds as craft materials. Of course, if you have a yard full of deciduous trees and a yard full of leaves that need raking there are plenty of ways to play away an autumn day at home:

- Walk a leafy labyrinth. When leaves cover the lawn, rake a twisting pathway through them. Copy a classic maze for extra credit.
- Stuff a scarecrow. Break out an old shirt and overalls and stuff until firm. Complete with a pumpkin head.
- Make a sun catcher. Using a low setting, iron a leaf between two pieces of waxed paper with a sheet of plain paper on top. Hang in a sunny window.
- Preserve a leaf. Bring a mixture of 2 parts water and 1 part glycerin (available in most pharmacies) to a boil in a saucepan (adults only). Pour the solution into a heat-proof container. Drop in a few brightly-colored leaves and gently submerge with a wooden spoon. Keep the container in a cool, dark place until there is a slight change in the leaves' tints. Then remove them and blot dry with a paper towel. Instead of turning brown and crumbly, the leaves will retain their brilliant hues.
- Rake them into a huge pile and jump in!

Some festivals in our area:

Nick-A-Jack Farms 2955 Manchester Avenue, NW ,North Lawrence, Ohio 44666 (330) 323-9714, info@nickajackfarms.com

-Fall Festival is Open to the Public Daily from September 19 through October 31st 2010, 11 a.m. till dark, Admission \$6.50 (children 2 and under are free)

Admission to the Annual Fall Festival Includes:

- 30 Minute Hayride, Corn Maze Challenge, Visit to the Petting Zoo, Visit the Discovery Barn , Visit the Midway Games, and Snack Coupon Redeemable at our Concessions

Maize Valley 6193 Edison St. NE (St. Rt. 619) Hartville, Ohio 44632 330-877-8344
Our fall family fun activities open daily at noon starting September 18th and run through October 31.

Admission to our activities area is \$9 for ages 13 and up, \$7 for ages 2-12, under 2 is FREE. Your admission is good for the entire day and includes: corn maze, unlimited wagon rides, unlimited barrel train rides, Nashog pig races, pumpkin cannon demonstrations, animal area, straw crawl, tire pile and all of the kids play area activities. Pumpkins and food are an additional cost. At Maize Valley, the fall family fun never stops!