

# What's "chirping" in the Chickadee Class In October?



## OCTOBER THEMES

### HORRAY FOR HALLOWEEN



The teacher will carve a pumpkin with the children. The children will then make a pumpkin pie. This is a fun little Halloween trick we play on the 2-½ year olds every year. The teacher and the children will take the gook from inside the pumpkin, and put it in a bowl. They will take turns adding sugar, flour, vanilla and salt. Everyone will take turns mixing the mixture. The teacher will put everything in some pre-prepared crust and place it in the oven to cook. While the children are busy with another activity, the assistant will switch their concoction with a store bought pumpkin pie. The children will then snack on their delicious "homemade" pumpkin pie fresh from the oven.

### COLOR OF THE MONTH....

### ORANGE

#### ORANGE FUN ...

The teacher will bring in a bag full of many different objects. The children will then be asked to sort the items into two groups – things that are orange and things that are not orange.

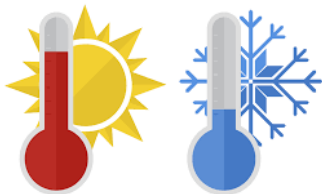
In gym the children will play "Flying Orange Pumpkin". The children will all hold onto our parachute with the teacher and she will put orange cutout pumpkins in the center of the parachute. The teacher will turn on Halloween music and tell the children they are going to shake the parachute and watch the pumpkins fly!

During music the teacher will tape orange crepe paper streamers to the children's wrists. The children will dance around the room, waving and twirling their orange streamers.

### NURSERY RHYME OF THE MONTH... "LITTLE MISS MUFFET"



## OPPOSITES OF THE MONTH..... HOT AND COLD



The teacher will have a heating pad and an ice pack. The children will feel both and be asked which is hot and which is cold. The teachers will take a glass of warm water and put an ice cube in it. The children will watch the ice cube melt. The teacher will then put a hot cup of water in the freezer and show the children how cold freezes hot.



The children will learn about fire safety!  
STOP, DROP & ROLL!

## Fun with Autumn Leaves...



The teacher will ask the children to pretend that they are autumn leaves hanging on a tree. The teacher will be the wind. She will pretend to blow the leaves off of the tree. She will encourage them to twirl and swirl as they slowly fall to the ground.