



OCTOBER 2019

Birth to 3 Activities Schedule
The Early Years Program
 Jacksonville School District #117
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Early Years closed for training	4 0-3 Playgroup 10:00a.m. Library	5
6	7	8	9	10 Color Night 4:00p.m. Conscious Discipline 5:45 p.m.	11 0-3 Playgroup 10:00a.m. Murrayville	12
13	14 No School Columbus Day	15	16	17	18 Fire Station Visit 0-3 Playgroup 10:00a.m. Early Years	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Conscious Discipline 8:30a.m. 0-3 Playgroup 10:00a.m. Early Years	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	You can bring fire safety learning into the home by discussing ways to stay "fire-safe" at home, testing smoke detectors and practicing an "at-home" fire drill that includes a designated safe place for the family to meet after they leave the house.	

The Early Years Program Mission Statement
 The Early Years Program, with the participation of parents, caretakers, and community, will provide a nurturing, quality learning experience for children aged birth to 5, emphasizing developmentally appropriate practice.

Birth to Three Newsletter

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Benefits of Sign Language use with young children

- Babies as young as 6-7 months old can remember a sign.
- Teaching sign language to preverbal babies can benefit children in their later years.
- Feelings of anger, due to inability to communicate, may not occur as often.
- Learning sign language will not delay speech development.
- Helps to develop language and reasoning skills.
- Improves small muscle strength and coordination.
- Builds better vocabulary and communication.

Fire Station Visit

Our Pre-Kindergarten classrooms are touring our nearby Fire Station on Friday October 18th, with a re-schedule date of Tuesday October 22nd if there is rain. Our home visited families are invited to join us at 12:45. More information to come.

Color Night

Thursday October 10th
4:00-5:00 p.m.

Event for children 0-3 years old and their families to celebrate colors and have some fun. This is also the night of conferences for students within the district.

Don't forget to give your Home Visitor items to display on our color posters for the Family Resource Room.

Directly following this event will be dinner for families staying for the next Conscious Discipline training that will begin at 5:45p.m.

October Playgroups

This month's Birth to Three playgroups will be every FRIDAY! Each Friday playgroup will be from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Baby Sign Language and Color Exploration will be the topics.

Plan to join us:

October 4th – Jacksonville Library

October 11th – Murrayville Building

October 18th – Early Years Campus

October 25th – Early Years Campus

Halloween Safety Tips



Take a photo of your child to remember their costume when they are older, but also for details of their outfit in case of an emergency.



Make sure the costume is safe: fire resistant, proper openings for eyes, nose, and mouth, costume fits well for your child to move easily.



If your child is potty training, make sure they have practiced undressing in their costume independently and together with you.



If an older child is trick or treating without you, make sure they are using a buddy system and that you have phone numbers for their friends and parents.



Cross streets using traffic signals and crosswalks. Make sure you put your electronic devices down while walking with your child.



Check all of your child's treats and candy before eating. Look for tears or small holes in packaging and discoloration of the candy.



If passing out candy, make sure that your pets are kept in a room where they cannot scare trick or treaters or quickly escape the house when the door opens.



Bring a flashlight if trick or treating in the dark.



Notice if your child is becoming too tired or cranky. Later nights and changes in routine can create behavior problems in young children.