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# CURRICULUM CHRONICLE-OCTOBER

## EARLY LEARNERS 1&, PRESCHOOL 1&

### Themes

Be Safe

Wiggly Wonders

### Shape and Colors



### Numbers

4, 5, 6

### Letters

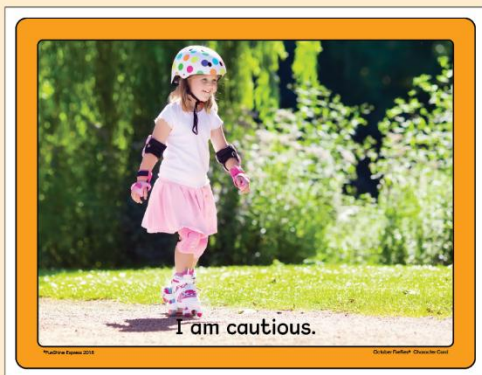
Dd, Ee, Ff

### Alphabet Words

dog, doughnut,  
duck, door,  
elephant, Earth,  
envelope, eagle,  
feather, fence,  
fish, feet

### Character Card

I am cautious.



### Activities for Home

- Take a tour of your home with your child to look for fire safety devices such as smoke alarms and fire extinguishers. Ask your child how each item is used and why. What doors and windows could be used as fire exits? Ask your child to be a "fire inspector" and to point out possible hazards he finds. Choose one day each month to practice a fire drill with your family. Designate an area outdoors as a meeting place.
- Prepare for the current and upcoming season. Spread a little sunshine in autumn! Consider visiting a local nursing home or an elderly neighbor with your child. Make a small treat bag or share a homebaked goody with them. Call ahead so they know to expect you! If you live in a region that receives cold winter weather, invite your child to help you put together a winter survival kit for your vehicle. Include items such as a flashlight, nonperishable foods, a blanket, etc.
- Invite your child to think of different exercises she can perform. Tell her how many to do of each one. Concentrate on October's numbers - 4, 5, and 6! For example, tell her to do 4 jumping jacks or 6 toe touches. Create the color orange with paint. Invite your child to help you mix red and yellow paint together. What color is appearing now? What can your child draw or paint with the orange paint?

### Nursery Rhymes

*Nursery rhymes teach children auditory skills and help them develop an appreciation for rhyme and rhythm. They also help children develop language, memory, creativity, and other cognitive skills.*

**Little Miss Muffet**  
Little Miss Muffet  
Sat on a tuffet,  
Eating her curds and whey.  
Along came a spider  
Who sat down beside her,  
And frightened Miss  
Muffet away.



## Look for Books

The best way to learn which books your child enjoys is to read children's books-lots of them! Check out **funshineextras.com** for Book Lists corresponding to each month's themes. Get to know your local librarians and ask for their recommendations as well.

### **Stop, Drop and Roll**

by Margery Cuyler

### **Fire Safety**

by Peggy Pancella

### **We Need Police Officers**

by Lola Schaefer

### **Stellaluna**

by Janell Cannon

### **The Very Busy Spider**

by Eric Carle

### **Miss Spider Series**

by David Kirk

## Cooking Together

When cooking with young children, allow them to help in a safe way with mixing, pouring, rolling, mashing, shaking, etc. Describe what you are doing and what you plan to do next. Talk about what you see, smell, feel, hear, and taste.

### Pumpkin Cheeseball

8 oz. shredded cheddar cheese  
1/4 cup canned pumpkin  
1/4 tsp. allspice  
1/4 tsp. nutmeg  
4 oz. cream cheese, softened

Mix the above ingredients until smooth. Cover and refrigerate until firm, about 2 hrs. Shape the mixture into a pumpkin. Use your finger to add lines down the sides. Add a pretzel rod to the top for a stem and decorate the pumpkin with some of the following items: red or green pepper slices, black olive slices, carrot sticks or circles, lettuce or spinach leaves, parsley sprigs. Serve with assorted crackers.



## Sing Along with Me

Find these songs at [www.funshineexpress.com](http://www.funshineexpress.com)

### **This Firefighter**

Sung to "This Old Man"

This firefighter, he needs help,  
He needs help from lots of tools!  
Bring a hose, and a ladder, and a great big ax;  
He'll wear boots, and a safety mask!



This firefighter, she has help.  
She has help from all her tools.  
Spray the water, on the fire night and day,  
Thanks firefighter, hip hooray!



### **Little Black Spider**

Sung to "Are You Sleeping?"

Are you sleeping? Are you sleeping?  
Little black spider, little black spider!  
Spin your silky web, spin your silky web!  
Catch a few bugs, catch a few bugs!



### OCTOBER 2018

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**8-19 - BUTTER BRAIDS FUNDRAISER**

**26 - PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

**31 - PARADE OF COSTUMES**

