

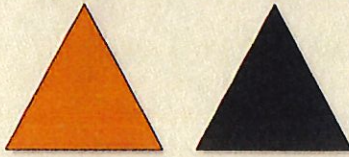


## Early Learners, Pre-Preschool & Preschool

### Themes

Mischievous Mice  
On the Farm

### Shapes and Colors



### Numbers

4, 5, 6

### Letters

Dd, Ee, Ff

### Alphabet Words

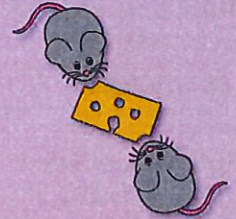
dandelions, deer,  
doll, donkey,  
ear, eggplant,  
elk, envelope,  
fan, fingerprint,  
fork, fox

### Sign Language



### Theme Descriptions

**Mischievous Mice:** Mice are interesting little creatures! This theme includes facts about mice—from what they eat to the characters they have portrayed in children's books and fairy tales.



**On the Farm:** This theme will teach children where their food comes from. Farming is big business! Typical farm buildings, equipment, and animals, such as cows, horses, and pigs, will be covered in depth. Fire Prevention Week will also be observed to help children learn important fire safety procedures.

### Activities for Home

- Mice are popular characters in children's books. Read some stories that feature mice as the main characters. Compare the mice in the stories. How are they the same and different?
- Practice a fire drill with your family. Designate a meeting spot outside, away from your house. Explain to your children that they should meet there if they ever need to leave the house in an emergency. Stress the importance of waiting in that spot until they see a familiar adult.
- Talk with your child about different foods that come from farms. As you shop for groceries this week, look at the foods in the produce and dairy sections of the store. Examine the foods you have in your refrigerator or cupboards at home as well. Are any of these foods raised on farms?
- Celebrate National Pasta Month by enjoying your favorite pasta dish for a meal this week. Let your child choose the perfect pasta noodles to use in the recipe!
- Visit a pumpkin patch, a pumpkin stand, or the produce section of the grocery store. Can your child identify the pumpkins that are big or small?



## 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](http://funshineextras.com) for Book Lists corresponding to each month's themes. Get to know your local librarians and ask for their recommendations as well.

### **The Gruffalo**

by Julia Donaldson

### **Wemberly Worried**

by Kevin Henkes

### **Library Mouse**

by Daniel Kirk

### **Firefighters Help**

by Dee Ready

### **The Farmer and the Clown**

by Marla Frazee

### **Machines at Work:**

#### **Tractors**

by Wendy Strobel Dieker

### **Pumpkin Circle: The Story of a Garden**

by George Levenson

### **Who Took the Farmer's Hat?**

by Joan L. Nodset

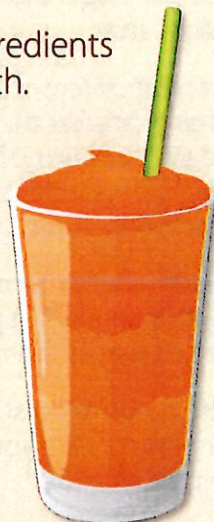
## Cooking Together

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

## Pumpkin Shakes

½ cup frozen yogurt OR ice cream  
3 Tbs. milk  
1 tsp. canned pumpkin  
1 candy pumpkin OR candy corn (optional)

Blend the first three ingredients in a blender until smooth. Serve in cups and add a candy pumpkin or candy corn to the top of each shake. Pumpkin is a hearty, nutritious food! This snack is a nice way to reinforce the color orange, which your child is learning about this month.



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## Sing Along With Me

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

### **Itsy Bitsy Mouse**

Sung to "Itsy Bitsy Spider"

The itsy bitsy mouse crawled up so quietly,  
Hid behind a pan and waited patiently.  
All through the day he didn't make a sound,  
At night he munched some cheese and  
Scampered all around!

The itsy bitsy mouse hid in a kitchen door,  
Loved that cheese and is looking for some more.  
In comes the cat who sees mouse tracks—  
Pounce, pounce! Meow!  
The mouse scampers past!



### **Farmers Grow Good Things to Eat**

Sung to "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

Farmers grow good things to eat,  
Things to eat, things to eat.  
Farmers grow good things to eat  
To make me big and strong!

Corn, potatoes, milk, and fruit,  
Milk and fruit, milk and fruit.  
Corn, potatoes, milk, and fruit  
To make me big and strong!



7-18 Butter Braids Fundraiser  
21-25 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
25 Parents Night Out  
31 Parade of Costumes

OCTOBER '19						
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	Daily Basics	Group Activities	Free Play or Learning Activities	Creative Expression
<b>Theme 1 • Mischievous Mice</b>				
<b>Tuesday</b> October 1	Orange Color Display • Floating Letters	Movin' and Groovin' • NAEYC Song Archive • Choosing Books for Mischievous Mice • Mischievous Mice Introduction	Little Mouse Flannel Board • Mouse Count LCM • I Can Ask for Help Character Counts Story	Standout Mouse
<b>Wednesday</b> October 2	Orange Spanish Card • Alphabet Books	Cat and Mouse Tag • Roll Call • October Theme 1 Book • Physical Characteristics of Mice	October Word Wall • Color Your World • Mouse Facts	Mouse Ears
<b>Thursday</b> October 3	Number 4 Display • Finding Name Letters	Where's the Cheese • Hickory, Dickory, Dock • Family Recordings • What Mice Eat	Cheesy Letter Match • Cheese Tasting • It's Timel • Number Four Counting Card	The Big Cheese
<b>Friday</b> October 4	Triangle Shape Display • Searching for Outdoor Letters	Mouse Maze • Triangle Shape • Character Feelings • Where Mice Live	Triangle Shape Manipulatives • Mouse Tails • A House for Mouse	Three Nice Mice
<b>Monday</b> October 7	Triangle Spanish Card • Letter D Alphabet Display	Hop the Hose • Letter D • Comparing Nonfiction and Fiction • Fire Prevention Week	Paper Punched Cheese • I Spy Concept Cube	Fire Station • D Is for Dinosaur
<b>Tuesday</b> October 8	Counting to Four • Letter D Word Cards	Fire Crawl • Mice Are Nice • Rhyme Time Fun • Smoke Alarms • Pet Mice	I'm Working on It! • 911 • Search for Food	My Cute Pet
<b>Wednesday</b> October 9	Triangle Shape Riddle • Drawing Letter D Items	Fire Drill • Itsy Bitsy Mouse • Comparing an Author's Books • Fire Escape Plan • Mice Characters	What Doesn't Belong? • Oozing Purple Lava • Give a Mouse a Cookie	The Mouse's Cookie
<b>Thursday</b> October 10	Number 5 Display • Sandpaper Ds	Stop, Drop, and Roll • Out Goes the Flame • Comparing Mice and People • Firefighters and Fire Trucks • Quiet Mice	Number Five Counting Card • Computer Mouse Practice • Firefighter Vocabulary	Cotton Painting
<b>Friday</b> October 11	Shades of Orange • D Is for Dancing	Mice in Hiding • Exits • Retelling a Story • Fire Prevention Week Review • Mischievous Mice Review	Matching Mice • Bucket Brigade • Mousy Mac and Cheese	Exit Sign
<b>Theme 2 • On the Farm</b>				
<b>Monday</b> October 14	Yarn Triangles • Letter E Display	Farmer in the Dell • Letter E • Choosing Books for On the Farm • On the Farm Introduction	Take-Home Book Bag • What Makes That Sound? • Animal Compare • Barnyard File Folder Game	E Is for Earth
<b>Tuesday</b> October 15	Black Color Display • Letter E Word Cards	Galloping Horses • How Are You? • Theme 2 Book • Horses	Barnyard Math • Animal Tracks • Class Animal Book	Horse Tail Mural
<b>Wednesday</b> October 16	Black Spanish Card • E Is for Exit	In the Barnyard • Oh Where, Oh Where • Connecting Text to Self • Cows	Typing Cows • World Food Day • Homemade Butter	Cow Bell
<b>Thursday</b> October 17	Number 6 Display • E Is for Eggplant	Pig Pen Rolls • This Little Piggy • Fairy Tales • Pigs	Number Six Counting Card • Down and Dirty • Farm or Not?	Pig Pen
<b>Friday</b> October 18	Black Scavenger Hunt • Playdough Es	Animal Friends • Over in the Barnyard • All the Animals • More Farm Animals	Farm Babies LCM • Animal Covering • Egg Market	Chick Mobile
<b>Monday</b> October 21	Erasing Triangles • Letter F Display	Farm Animal Parade • Letter F • Community Reader • Farmland	Around the Farm October Math Game • Milk Jug Spelling • State Crops	F Is for Fire
<b>Tuesday</b> October 22	Six Numbered Fish • Letter F Word Cards	Left Side, Right Side • When You're on a Farm • Backward Book • Life as a Farmer	Chicken Coop • A Farmer's Job	Dr. Moo's Clinic • Barnyard Book of Animal Sounds
<b>Wednesday</b> October 23	Triangle Shape Search • F Is for Fig	Chicken Dance • B-I-N-G-O • Chores on the Farm • Barns	House or Barn? • Farm Race • Building Corrals	Big Red Barn • Big Barn
<b>Thursday</b> October 24	Graphing Names • Which Letter Item Doesn't Belong?	Farm Statues • I See Colors • Beginning, Middle, End Prediction • Tractors	Color Games • Group Farm Scene • Tractor Tracks	Farming Tractor
<b>Friday</b> October 25	Black and Orange Triangles • Straw Fs	Shape Sort • Fall Is Here • Favorite Part • Farm Equipment	A-F Alphabet Review • Farm Map	Orange on Black • Fill the Silo
<b>Monday</b> October 28	Missing Number • Whose Name?	Gourd Bowling • Baa, Baa, Black Sheep • Working Farm Products • Grazing	Animal Characteristics Graph • Lost Sheep • Feels of the Farm	Shaggy Sheep
<b>Tuesday</b> October 29	Block Towers • Old MacDonald Letter Sounds	Over and Under • Farmers Grow Good Things to Eat • Favorite Character Dress-Up • Harvesting Crops	Veggie Dip • Shucking Corn	Harvest Collage • Farmers Market
<b>Wednesday</b> October 30	Body Part Triangles • Which Cup?	Pumpkin Vines • Pumpkin Patch • Look for Letters, Numbers, Colors, Shapes • Pumpkins	Carving a Pumpkin Sequence Set • Caught in a Web • Moving Pumpkins	Fine Arts Feature—Glue-Resist Pumpkins
<b>Thursday</b> October 31	Picking Spiders • Jumping to Letters	Spider's Dragline • Three Little Spiders • October 2019 Book Review • On the Farm Review • Halloween	Halloween Safety • Harvest Party • Spider Legs • Pumpkin Match LCM	Spider's Web



