



Preschool Update:

October

“A child, more than anyone else, is a spontaneous observer of nature.”

– Maria Montessori

### Seasonal Fun:

- We searched for mushrooms, different cones, and bright leaves.
- We read stories and sang songs about Hallowe'en – then a Haunted House was discovered in the woods.
- We found many mud puddles and watched as the ponds and streams filled.



## Our Learning Adventures:

### Imaginative Play:



Dodging a meteor in our rocket ship.

### Science and Technology:



Will moving the leaves change the way the water moves?

### Sensory Experiences:



We decorated Hallowe'en cookies before eating them.

### Mathematics:



How far will the wind carry the cat tail fluffs.

## More Learning Adventures:

### Creative Art Experiences:



Making sand piles and 'drawing' with the tire tracks.

### Language and Literacy:



Deciding where to move the water.

### Gross Motor:

Stepping over obstacles on the trail.



### Fine Motor:

Using scissors to make paper crafts.

### Construction:



We built a road for our cars.

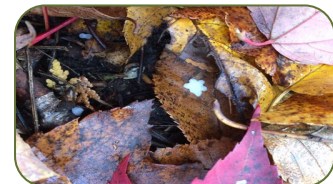


**An exciting event:**  
Firefighters came to check that the furnace was working safely. They were kind enough to let us get right into the driver's seat of the fire truck.



### Some Favourite Stories, Rhymes and Songs:

- *Halloween Mice*, by: Bethany Roberts
- *C'est L'Halloween*, song by Matt Maxwell
- *Jack-o'-Lantern*, traditional children's song



## Nature Observations and Discoveries:



We found a blue-spotted salamander early in the month. We gently moved the salamander off of the trail so that no one would accidentally step on it.



We also saw a garter snake one sunny day. It coiled up and struck at the air while we watched from one meter away.

## Hallowe'en Fun



## Notes for Next Month:

### Possible activities:

(As always activities depend on interests, weather, and energy levels)

- Trying out snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.
- Making lanterns to brighten the darker days.
- Setting out feeders for the birds (and probably squirrels.)

### What to wear:

There is a saying in the outdoor community: Cotton kills! We know it sounds dramatic, but it simply means that cotton doesn't keep you very warm when it gets wet. As we get into colder weather **polyester and wool are the warmest choices for the bottom layer of clothes**. We layer with these fabrics ourselves (including our socks) and recommend them. Don't worry if your child wears their favourite cotton shirt though - we will be coming in to warm-up throughout the day.

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