

Tiny Tots and Tumblers  
Enrichment Program

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October 2011 Newsletter

# Tiny Tots & Tumblers Preschool

*"Be the person you want your child to become"*

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October is upon us! We have a very busy month planned for our little ones. Each class will continue to build on concepts taught in previous months and gain new skills with each new monthly focus. During October we will be reading literature by Author Norman Bridwell, who wrote the famous *Clifford the Big Red Dog* series. Our 2 day/week class will reinforce their color and shape knowledge, while our 3 & 4 day/week programs will strengthen their sight word recognition and pre-reading concepts.

During October, each class will expand on their math units with sorting, graphing, and one-to-one correspondence counting.



**Come to  
DATE  
NIGHT!!**

**Date/time:** FRIDAY OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 6:30-9:30pm

**Price:** \$10/1<sup>st</sup> child, \$8 each additional child

**For Who?:** ANYONE member or non-member—ALL ages!!

The first Friday of each month Tiny Tots and Tumblers and Junior Olympic Gymnastics hosts a parent's night out. This event is open to everyone, there will be games, crafts, songs & of course gymnastics!! Pre-registration is highly recommended for this age group so we can properly prepare. For more information contact Jen at [enrichment@tinytotsandtumblers.com](mailto:enrichment@tinytotsandtumblers.com)

## *Reminders:*

- **Miller Farms**  
Wed 10/12 9am-12pm
  - **Payment for field trip due 10/7**
- **Classroom parties 10/27 & 10/31**
- **Scholastics orders due 10/14**



## Ms. Melissa's 2yr tue/thur class

I am glad to announce everyone is doing really well. We have gotten past the welcome period, and all the kids have settled into our class routine.

We spent the last month introducing the colors and shapes. We will spend the rest of the school year reviewing these. This month we will also begin working on sorting. I also have introduced 4 letters, and this month I will introduce L, E, A, and K.

Besides our educational concepts we have many fun themes to cover. We will talk about the change of seasons, and all the fun things we can do in the fall. As part of our fall/pumpkin theme we have a field trip planned to Miller Farms, our field trip is Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>. This class is invited to go as well even though it is not a normal school day. Please keep an eye out for more info on the field trip.

After the farm we will talk about Halloween fun and safety, and bugs (mostly spiders). We will have our Halloween party on October 27<sup>th</sup>. The kids are welcome to wear their costumes on this day and parents will be able to come during game times. I will post a sign-up sheet, if you would like to bring treats for the party.

I emailed out the initial assessments for each child, if you have not received these please let me know and I will print out a copy for you. Also in school we have been working on using our words. It often helps if this is reviewed at home as well. We have worked on saying "help please", and "my turn". This is very common in this age group to need reminders to use their words, since many of us are still learning to talk.

As always if you have any questions please feel free to let me know

Thank you,  
Ms. Melissa



## Ms. Melissa and Ms. Mikayla's 3yr old Mon-Wed-Fri

Our first month of class went really well! All of the kids have adjusted to the schedule and are happy. We jumped right into our academic lessons and have already introduced 4 letters, and have been reviewing the colors and shapes.

During the month of October we have a lot going on. We will have our first field trip of the year. We are going to Miller Farms to wrap up our discussion on the fall harvest, and pumpkin themes. Our field trip is scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup>, please be on the lookout for more information. Towards the end of the month we will discuss bugs, Halloween fun and safety. We will have our Halloween party on the 31<sup>st</sup>. The kids are welcome to wear their costumes. We will post a sign-up sheet as the day gets closer. Parents are also welcome to come during the last portion of the party when we do our Halloween games in gym (*see below in the newsletter*).

Along with all our themes and fun activities we will cover several educational concepts. The letters for the month are L, E, A, and K. During circle time we will discuss the difference between words and pictures, as well as the different positional words. Our math focus throughout the month is sorting, graphing, and 1-to-1 correspondence. We will graph with fall leaves and our favorite fall harvest food. During science we will learn about the insect body parts and the difference between arachnids and insects.

We have already completed our initial assessments. If you have not received yours yet please let us know. Ms. Melissa emailed hers out but if you would like a copy of it please let us know and we can get you a copy. Ms. Mikayla handed all her assessments out at the start of classes.

As always if you have any questions please feel free to let us know.

Thank you,

Ms. Melissa and Ms. Mikayla



## Ms. Mikayla's 4yr old Pre-Kindergarten Class

In October we have lots of exciting and fun things planned for the pre-k class! We will begin the month by talking about fall, the changing of the seasons, and leaves. We will then dive into a pumpkin theme, where we will learn all about pumpkins! We have already been talking in class a lot about October's class field trip (the kids are all pretty excited) to Miller Farms on Tuesday October, 12th. Please look for more information to come. We will finish up October by talking about spiders, bugs and partaking in some fun Halloween activities. We will have our class Halloween Party on Monday October, 31<sup>st</sup>. The children are encouraged to wear costumes, but please leave any small parts and pieces at home (also no weapons please!) There will be a sign-up for bringing in treats and parents are welcome to join the class at 2:15 for games in the gym.

We will introduce new sight words this month, and continue to work on letter/sound recognition. We will also be focusing on Norman Birdwell's Clifford series for our author of the month. Our math and science focus will be on sorting and graphing, as well as moving on to higher number recognition. We will also continue to work on printing numbers! The class is doing well and we have settled into a familiar routine that will continue for the rest of the school year!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Ms. Mikayla

## Miller Farms Field Trip

Each year our school makes a trip to Miller Farms to enjoy their open fields full of vegetables to harvest as well as all of the fun and activities there. This field trip is for all classes within Tiny Tots and Tumblers. We do require that an adult accompanies each child. Here is some more information on the field trip:

**Website:** [www.millerfarms.net](http://www.millerfarms.net)

**Day:** Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9am - 12pm (although you are welcome to stay as long as you'd like)

**Cost:** \$3.50/children 2 & up -- \$8/adult (children under 2 are free) *\*Checks payable to Tiny Tots and Tumblers due by 10/7*



We will be celebrating Halloween with classroom parties on the following days:

2-3yrs Tue/Thur : **Thursday 10/27**. Parents and siblings welcome at 11:00

3yr old Mon-wed-Fri Classes: **Monday 10/31**. Parents and siblings welcome at 11:00

4-5yrs Pre-Kindergarten Classes: **Monday 10/31**. Parents and siblings welcome at 2:15

All classes can wear costumes to school on their party day. Please no:

Weapons - Face Paint - long flowing capes - small accessories

### A note for Parents & Siblings:

We Love it when you come to visit, but we ask that you keep in mind that the children have specific rules both in the classroom and in the gym. Especially since it is so early in the year, it would be most helpful if you could assist in reminding your child, and their siblings if they come, the rules during the party.

#### Classroom rules to remember:

- \*Clean up what you take out before moving on to a new toy
- \*put our things back where they were found/belong

#### Gym rules to remember:

- \*We only play on the big blue floor and only with the equipment laid out for us to use
- \*No big trampoline during parties, unless supervised by a teacher



## **Is your little one feeling a bit under the weather?**

Please help us keep our classrooms and teachers healthy as we approach this cold and flu season by keeping your little one home if he/she seems under the weather. Good guidelines to follow are to stay home if:

1. Your child has vomited or had diarrhea within the last 24 hours (and we mean a full 24 hours 😊 )
2. Looks and/or is acting sick—tired, cranky, laying around, etc
3. Has had a fever within the last 24 hours (see above 😊 )
4. Has lots of mucous flowing (especially the colored stuff)
5. Is coughing like crazy (especially if they haven't quite gotten the grasp of coughing into your sleeve or a tissue)