



**After School**

Throughout the next month, we will focus on songs and activities related to autumn: scarecrows, pumpkins, leaves, and squirrels. We will continue to decorate the lobby and Big Room with our fabulous creations! We will also try and enjoy as much outdoor time as the daylight and weather allow!



**Focusing on Fire Safety at School & at Home!**

With visits from Fireman Chris and Fireman Rusty with a Fire Truck from Alpha Fire Co., and in-house fire drills, we have explored fire safety at school. But, would you know what to do if a fire started in your home? Would your kids? Take the time now to review fire safety facts and tips so your family will be prepared in the event of a fire emergency in your home.

Top Tips from <https://www.safekids.org/fire>

- Working smoke alarms reduce the chances of dying in a fire by nearly 50 percent. They are a critical first step for staying safe, but in order to be effective, they have to be working properly. For the best protection, install smoke alarms on every level of your home and in every sleeping area.
- Teach kids never to play with matches and lighters. Make a habit of placing these items up and away from young children.
- Create and practice a home fire escape plan with two ways out of every room in case of a fire. Get a stopwatch and time how fast your family can escape. The kids will love it.
- Children should know how to respond to the sound of a smoke alarm. Teach them to get low and get out when they hear it. A child who is coached properly ahead of time will have a better chance to be safe.
- Use common sense in the kitchen. Limit distractions when cooking and don't leave a hot oven or stovetop unattended.
- Blow out candles before you leave the room or before you go to sleep.

