This month in our classroom...

Our month will be spent talking about the farm, sharing with friends, and the ways we move! We'll start with all the animals we find on the farm, looking for pigs in the mud and "milking" our own cows! We will sing a turkey song as we talk about loud and quiet sounds in music, and we'll bake with corn on cooking day! We'll talk about sharing with friends and family, doing some activities and games that find us working together and sharing materials. Our month ends with all the ways we move, including a day exploring ramps and rollers!

Our letters this month:
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Mark Your Calendars
Monday November 11...No school (Veteran's Day)
November 25-29...No School (Thanksgiving break)

Why do we cook with 3 year olds?
Every day your child is exposed to new skills, new ideas, and new learning adventures. In Building Blocks we use cooking as just another way to help your child explore their world! While we bake up some yummy treats, your preschooler works on math skills, language development, chemistry, social studies, and so much more! For example, we can help with developing math skills by doing simple tasks such as counting eggs or pouring ingredients into measuring cups. As we read and discuss recipes, we introduce new words to your child's vocabulary. Following steps in the recipe uses listening skills, and we practice taking turns while adding and stirring ingredients. As we create dishes and use foods from other cultures and parts of the world we help create an understanding of other people's differences and encourage kids to taste new things. Throughout the entire cooking process kids learn with all their senses — they feel, smell, hear, see, and finally taste as they go.
And, of course, it is fun!
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October in Building Blocks!

In music:
We created fall trees while listening to fall music, and retold "The Little Old Lady Who was Not Afraid of Anything" with instruments, building a musical scarecrow!

Failing Leaves
(sung to the tune of "London Bridge")
In the fall all the leaves fall down
Yellow, orange, red, and brown
I pile them up as neat as a pin
Then I run and jump right in!

In cooking:
Apple muffins and pumpkin pancakes!

Apple Carrot Muffins
You'll Need:
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp Cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 3 tbsp. butter
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup Chopped apples
- 1/2 cup grated Carrots
To Make:
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Combine flour, cinnamon, salt, and baking soda.
- In another bowl, stir together butter, honey, egg, and vanilla. Add to dry ingredients until just mixed.
- Add the chopped apples and carrot.
- Fill muffin cups about 3/4 way full and bake for 15-20 minutes.
- Let cool and enjoy!

Special Halloween songs!

Marching Skeletons
The skeletons are out tonight
They march about the street
With bony bodies
Bony hands and feet!
Bony, bony, bony, bones
With nothing in between
Up and down and all around
They march on Halloween!

Great Big Pumpkin
I am a great big pumpkin
I have two great big eyes
I have a round and tiny nose
And a great big mouth that smiles!
And now I'll hide behind a bush
And wait until my cue
When someone comes along I will
Jump out and shout out
BOO!

Pumpkin Pancakes
You'll Need:
- 2 cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 cups milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 tbsp. vanilla
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 3/4 tsp cinnamon
To make:
- Mix together all ingredients.
- Preheat griddle or large pan.
- Pour batter, flip pancakes once they begin to bubble.
- We topped our pancakes with whipped cream!

A few of the books we read:
Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf by Lois Ehlert
Earl the Squirrel by Don Freeman
Acorns Everywhere by Kevin Sherry
It's Pumpkin Time! by Zoe Hall
The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything
by Linda D. Williams
Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson
Big Pumpkin by Erica Silverman
Skeleton Hiccups by Margery Cuyler