



# Stark County Board of DD Early Intervention Newsletter

October 2020

## Virtual Playgroups Tuesdays @ 10 AM

### October Virtual Playgroups

Each week be sure to watch for an email a few days prior to playgroup. It will contain the materials to have on hand to play along with us as well as a list of skills we will be encouraging through play. Items are also included on this newsletter.



**October 6th @ 10 AM**  
**Storytime with Chris & Paula**

*"There was an Old Lady Who swallowed a Bat"*

Make a story box to tell the story with us then later you can retell the story to someone else.

*Instructions and pictures are included at the end of this newsletter.*

- Can you guess what she will eat next?



**October 13th @ 10 AM**  
**Sensory Play**

- Slime Time! We'll make pumpkin slime.  
*Pumpkin slime recipe with ingredients on the next page'*

- Enjoy playing with fall items you can touch and smell in a fall sensory bin.

You will need:

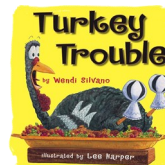
- \* a small box or container
- \* Base material (choose 1)- dried corn, straw or leaves.
- \* Additional items (choose 1 or 2 to add or all)- acorns, ears of dried corn, mini pumpkins & gourds, leaves, pinecones

**October 20th @ 10 AM**  
**Craft time with Miss Paula**

- Make a ghostly fun craft to display.
- Items needed:  
cotton balls, glue, paper



## November Virtual Playgroups



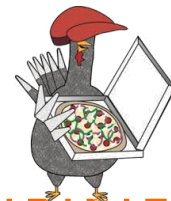
*"Turkey Trouble"*

**November 3rd-** Storytime with Chris & Paula  
Oh No! Turkey's in trouble how will he save himself from being dinner?

**November 10th-** Sensory Play with Miss Chris  
Fun with feathers & pipe cleaners

**November 17th-** Craft time with Miss Paula  
Gobble, Gobble make a Turkey Craft

**November 24th-** Kid's in the Kitchen  
No cook pumpkin pie in a cup.



You can contact Chris or Paula with questions by sending a message through the REMIND APP To join...  
text @cehmerm to 81010;  
or go to: [remind.com/join/cehmerm](https://remind.com/join/cehmerm)

You can also contact us through the contact information below:

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During the COVID 19 quarantine we are working remotely from home to reach us by phone-leave a message which will forward to our emails where we can listen to it and respond to you.

**October 27th @ 10 AM**  
**Kid's in the Kitchen**

- Make & enjoy a spider snack
- Items needed:  
sandwich cookies (body), stick pretzels (legs), M &M's, raisins, chocolate chips or something similar (eyes)



# October Ideas for Family Fun

## Pumpkin Guts Slime

If you are carving a pumpkin this fall, save your leftover seeds and "pumpkin guts" and use them to make this fun Pumpkin Guts Slime! It is a fun activity to do as a family, and the pumpkin seeds make for some slime with a very interesting texture!

### Ingredients:

6 oz Elmer's Glue  
1 Tablespoon water  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 cup pumpkin seeds & guts  
2 Tablespoons contact solution with boric acid



Combine the glue and water in a mixing bowl. Mix in the pumpkin seeds and guts. Add the baking soda and mix again. Mix in your contact solution to activate your slime. You will notice the slime will begin to form right away and become firm. Keep stirring and manipulating the slime. Add additional contact solution a little at a time if it is still too sticky. Eventually, you will get a jiggly and fun slime to play with! Since this slime contains fresh pumpkin, it should be kept in a covered container and stored in the fridge and will probably only last for a few days.



## Simple Halloween Paper Plate Crafts

Here are a few cute Halloween ideas to make using paper plates. The Paper plates can be purchased in the above colors or you can let your child paint or color the paper plate prior to making the craft.

**For the pumpkin:** Cut some shapes out of paper; it doesn't need to be black. Allow your child to choose the shapes for their jack o lantern and glue them to the plate.

**For the spider web:** Cut a long piece of string or yarn. Punch holes or cut notches around the paper plate. Tie a knot on one end of the string and tape the other end so it doesn't fray. Show your child how to use the string to go in and out of the notches/holes to create a web. If the string is too long for your child to work with cut it into pieces and tie them together as they go.

When done add a plastic spider or draw one.

## Easy & Healthy Pumpkin Cookies

You only need 5 simple ingredients to make these healthy snacks. The pumpkin oatmeal cookies use maple syrup rather than sugar. Make sure to add chocolate chips on top to make them extra delicious! In just 15 minutes, you will have soft, fall flavored pumpkin cookies for you to enjoy!

1 cup pumpkin puree  
2 cups quick oats  
1/4 cup maple syrup  
1/2 cup peanut butter  
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice  
Optional: add chocolate chips

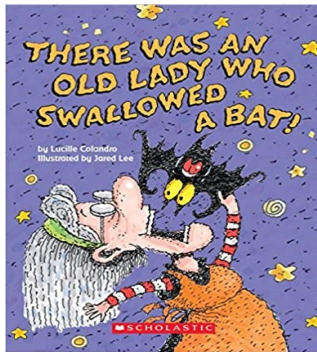


Preheat oven to 350 degrees and spray 2 cookie sheets with nonstick spray. Add pumpkin, oats, syrup, peanut butter, and pumpkin pie spice in a large bowl and mix well. Form the dough into tablespoon sized balls and place on cookie sheets. The dough should be sticky, if you lightly wet your fingers it makes it easier to roll. Gently press down on each cookie with your fingers or spoon. You don't want to squash them, you just want to flatten them into a cookie shape. Add chocolate chips (optional about 5-8) on top of each cookie then bake for 15-17 minutes. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

\*Makes 18 cookies



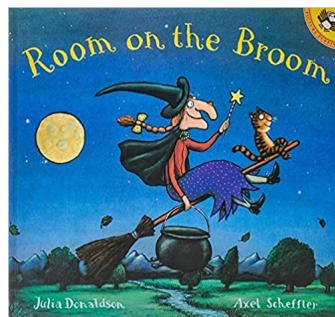
# OCTOBER BOOK PICKS



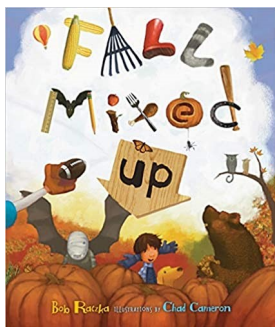
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bat! — the old lady does just that — not to mention an owl, a cat, a ghost, a goblin, some bones, and even a wizard!

Click this link or type it into your browser to hear this book read to you... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNy-Cit4xQA>

The witch and her cat are happily flying through the sky on a broomstick when the wind picks up and blows away the witch's hat, then her bow, and then her wand! Luckily, three helpful animals find the missing items, and all they want in return is a ride on the broom. But is there room on the broom for so many friends? And when disaster strikes, will they be able to save the witch from a hungry dragon?



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Fall is all mixed up in this silly book from Bob Raczka! Can you find his mistakes in the words and pictures?

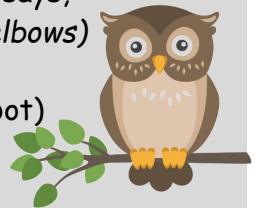
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**"You're never  
too old, too wacky, too wild,  
to pick up a book and  
read to a child."**  
-Dr. Seuss

## The Owl

There's a wide-eyed owl  
(thumbs and forefingers around eyes)  
With a pointed nose,  
(thumbs and forefingers to make a point)  
He has pointed ears  
(clenched hands, forefingers up for ears)  
And claws for toes:  
(make hands into claws)  
He sits in a tree  
And looks at you;  
(fingers circles around eyes)  
Then flaps his wings and says,  
(hands to chest and flap elbows)  
"tu-whit, tu-whoo "  
(hands cup mouth to hoot)



Pumpkin, Pumpkin

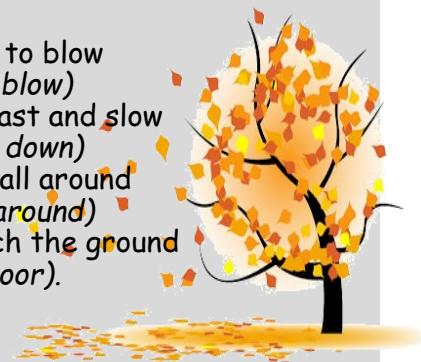


Pumpkin, pumpkin  
Sitting on a wall  
(have children sit down)  
Pumpkin, pumpkin  
Tip and fall  
(have children tip over)  
Pumpkin, pumpkin  
Rolling down the street  
(child rolls on floor)  
Pumpkin, pumpkin  
Trick or treat!!!!



## Fall Winds

Fall winds begin to blow  
(purse lips to blow)  
Colored leaves fall fast and slow  
(flutter hands down)  
Whirling, twirling all around  
(turn yourself around)  
And at last, they touch the ground  
(touch the floor).



**October  
Songs and Fingerplays**

# Halloween Activities That Build Motor Skills

With just a few items, you can create fun Halloween activities to do with your child that will help build their gross motor and fine motor skills.

## Pumpkin Hammering

Place the pumpkin on the ground. Show your child how to hammer the golf tees into the pumpkin. Now let them give it a try!

Hand-eye coordination— hitting the tee with the hammer

Gross motor— swinging the hammer

Fine motor— pincer grasp



### You will need:

A small pumpkin

Golf tees

Hammer (can be real or a play)

## Scooping Eyeballs

### You will need:

Bowls/containers

Spoon

Plastic eyeballs or other small Halloween items

Optional: add water



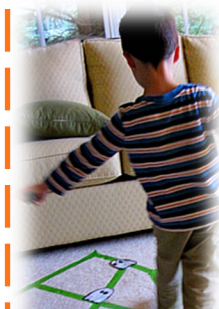
Put plastic eyeballs or other items in the bowl/ container. Add water if you wish. Give your child the spoon and tell them to scoop the objects out with the spoon and place in a different bowl/container.

Hand-eye coordination— scooping items with the spoon

Gross motor— transferring objects , crossing midline

Fine motor— holding/grasping the spoon

## Spider Web Walk



Create a web on the floor using masking tape. Show your child how to walk on the line. For fun you could place some plastic spiders or other Halloween items in the openings of the web to “watch out for”.

Balance: walking on the line without falling

You will need: Gross motor: walking

Masking tape Motor planning: placing one foot in front of the other on the line

Place straw/pipe cleaner in a small lump of playdoh. Show your child how to string the spiders on the straw.

Hand-eye coordination: transferring spiders onto straw

Fine motor: picking up spiders

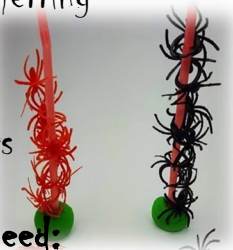
## Spider Stringing

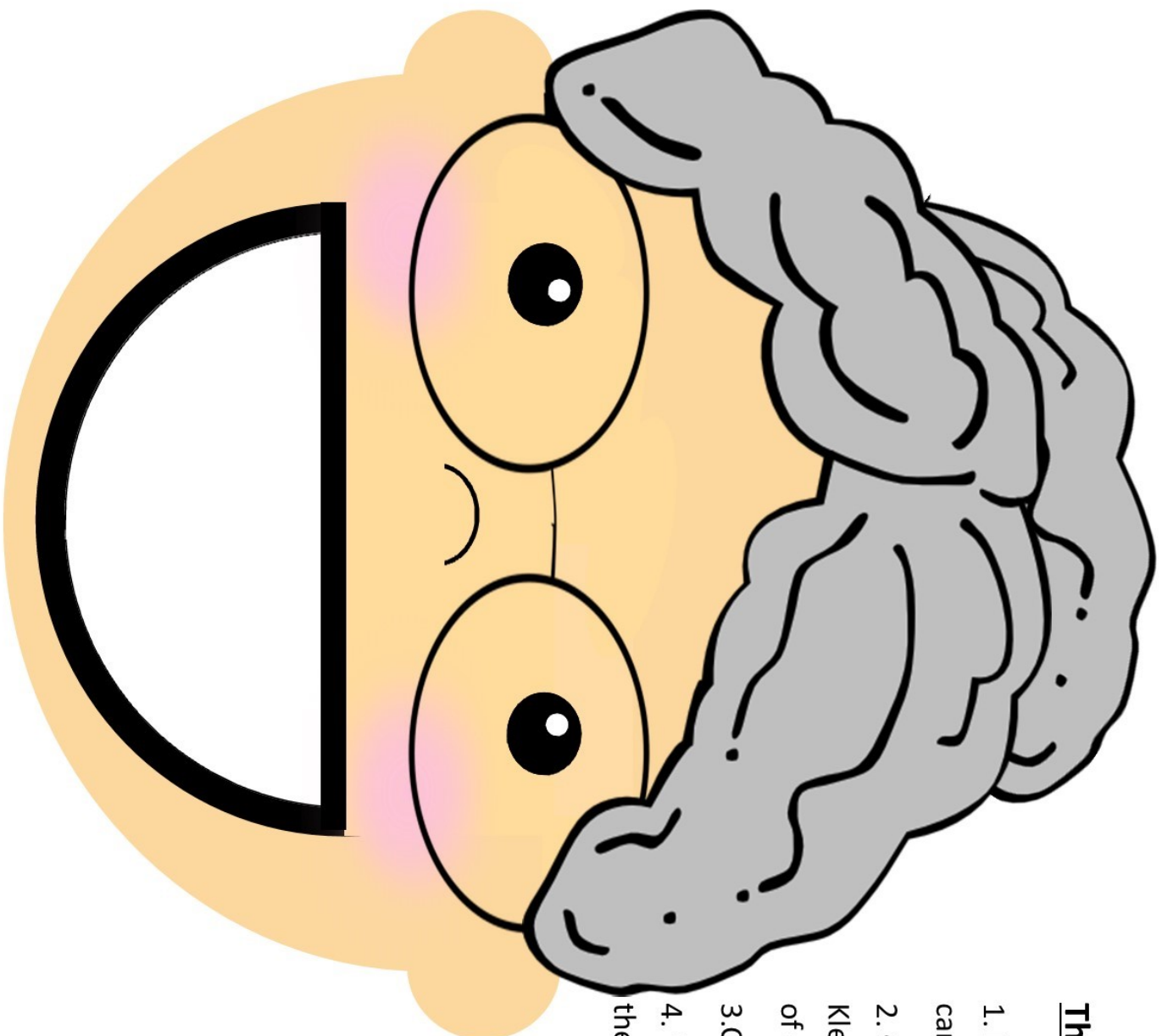
### You will need:

Pipe cleaners or straws

Plastic spider rings

Playdough or Styrofoam

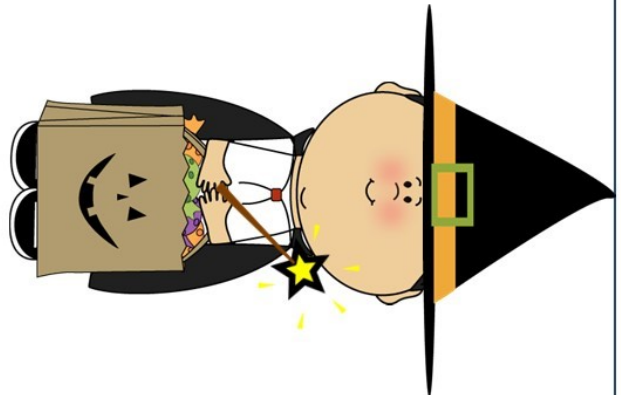
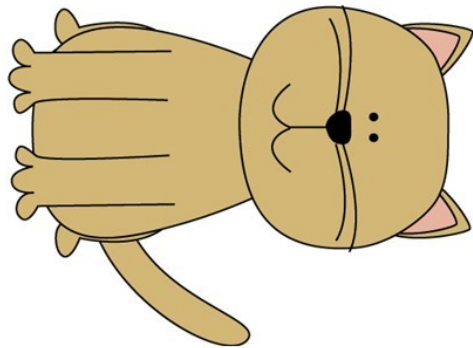
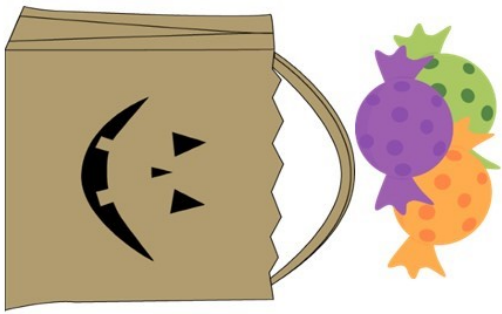
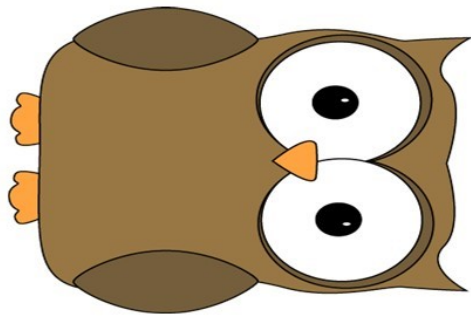
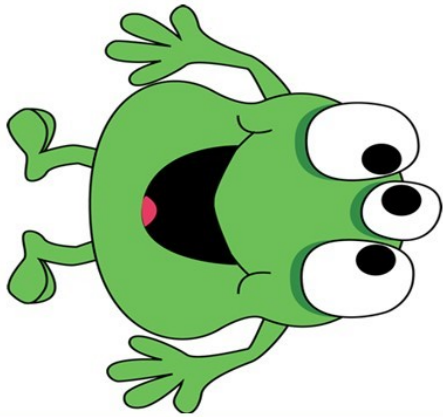
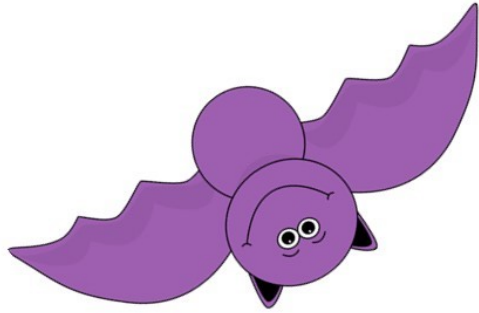
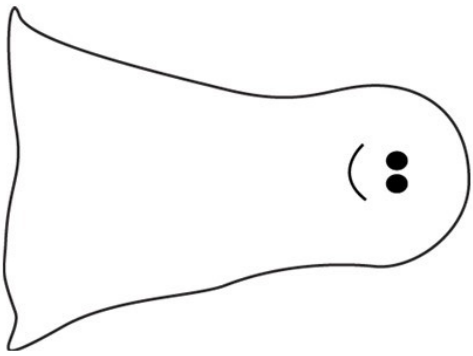




### There Was an Old Lady Who Swal-

1. Print and cut out character and cards.
2. Glue character to shoebox, Kleenex box, paper bag, or at the top of a Ziploc bag
3. Cut out character's mouth
4. "Feed" the character along with the story





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