

**Junior News-Room 5**  
**Ms. Karen and Ms. Tooba**

As each day passes the children are becoming more comfortable with coming to school. They are getting used to our daily routine and excited to find out what we will be doing each day.

Our daily schedule consists of: exploring the classroom, cleaning up, going to circle time, to find out what we will be learning that day, learning centers and free choice play, clean up, wash hands, story, snack, music time and then dismissal.

In September we talked about the color yellow and circle shape. We painted with lemons, toilet paper rolls and cups to make circles. We made a yellow, circle collage and painted a yellow sunflower for our class.

In October our shape will be: Oval  
And the color is: Orange

**Weekly themes**

More fall fun: Exploring leaves and pumpkins. The class will finger paint leaves and paint giant pumpkins.

Nursery Rhymes: Stars at night for twinkle, twinkle. Paint handprint spiders for little Miss Muffet and lace webs for itsy bitsy spider.

Process art-marble painted pumpkins, pumpkin playdough and cookie cutter art.

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**Literacy**

- 5 leaves finger play
- Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
- Little Miss Muffet
- The Very Busy Spider-Eric Carle
- 5 Little Pumpkins
- The Runaway Pumpkin

**Dates to Remember**

**October 24**-Wear something orange and bring something that is orange. Please put it in gallon bag provided. Thank you!

**October 31**-Please have children wear costumes to school. If they don't want to, bring it anyway, they may change their mind.  
Costume Parade-outside, weather permitting, 11:15

Playdough is an engaging, relaxing activity that helps to strengthen and develop fine motor muscles. Here is the recipe used in our classroom.

2 cups flour  
1 cup salt  
2 ½ teaspoons cream of tartar  
1 TBS vegetable oil  
2 cups water  
Food coloring of choice  
Mix all ingredients together and cook on medium heat until solid and pulls away from side of pot. Cool, knead and store in airtight container. Lasts about a month.

Have fun squishing, cutting and rolling!