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## Preschool

I will continue to alternate the learning materials used for preschool days. We have been working with the alphabet, counting, colors, shapes, I Spy, memory, following directions and many other skills that they will be able to use now and later on in life.

## Activity

Recently I read an article about the benefits of 'tea parties' and wanted to incorporate them into the daycare. There are so many positive points that she made that I feel the kids would have a blast and learn so much. It would take some cooperation from all of my daycare families. What I need is some old bridesmaid dresses or prom dresses that you are no longer using, hats, old heels, vests, bow ties/neck ties, and button down shirts...anything that we could use for a tea party. I will then alter the clothes for the kids to make them tailored to their sizes-we don't exactly want them swimming in them. Also, if you have mix and match China tea sets; anything that resembles a tea cup/saucer or tea pot. I will look for items as well. Once all the outfits are tailored and the China sets ready I will have a baking day with the kids to prepare the snacks or desserts with the kids and we will go through the steps in baking and how to prepare tea. Next we will pick out an outfit to wear for the event. This will be a process over several days and we will continue to have tea parties often to allow each child the chance to be host/hostess and use that time to bring up new topics for discussion. I think the kids will feel like grown-ups...and of course I will be taking pictures. Some of the things she pointed out were: Sitting at the table: -Introduce them to 'old fashioned' manners -Have the boys pull out the chair for the girls -Place napkins on their lap -No elbows on the table -Engage in polite conversation Passing the tea: -Select one child to be host/hostess -Allow them to our the tea -Helps create a leadership role, building confidence and self-esteem -If they choose a 2<sup>nd</sup> cup, allow them to pour it themselves to practice pouring skills -Don't fuss over spills-discuss how to avoid them Sharing the treats: -Describe the treats being served -Point out details and ask them to describe them to everyone - Pass out the treats until everyone has one-no one eats until everyone has a treat to eat Conversation: -The core of the party and the most fun!! -You can select a conversation to talk about such as manners, how they are dressed or how the table is decorated -Allow them all time to talk and have a conversation with the others - DON'T RUSH...this is all about having fun and noticing the details of the party! The article was written by Patricia Dischler to read the article in it's entirety please follow this link: [www.patriciadischler.com](http://www.patriciadischler.com).

## Pictures

As many of you already know, I take pictures of the little ones every year for Halloween in their costumes. I will plan to do this the last week before the holiday. If you would like me to take pictures, please have a costume ready by Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Weather permitting I plan on taking pictures outdoors and may need a couple of days to get them all done. They always turn out so cute-I can't wait to see them all dressed up this year!!



**Why not carve  
a pumpkin  
and explore  
it's insides  
with your  
child this  
month?**



## Learning Time - Sign Language

We will continue to work on the alphabet and other commonly used words. Please encourage you little one at home to use sign-language along with verbally saying the word. By doing this they will have a better understanding of how to use

the word and you will understand what they want even if they do not pronounce their words clearly. Along with the using sign I am working really hard to get the little ones to slow down when speaking and pro-

nounce each syllable in their words.



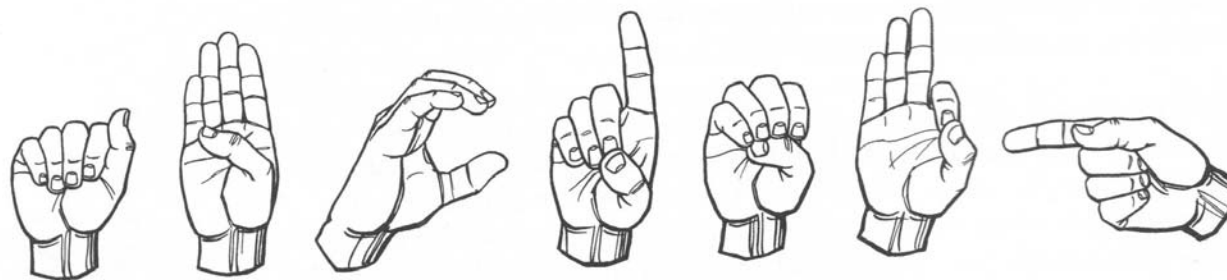
"...keep the words simple..."

## Books to Read

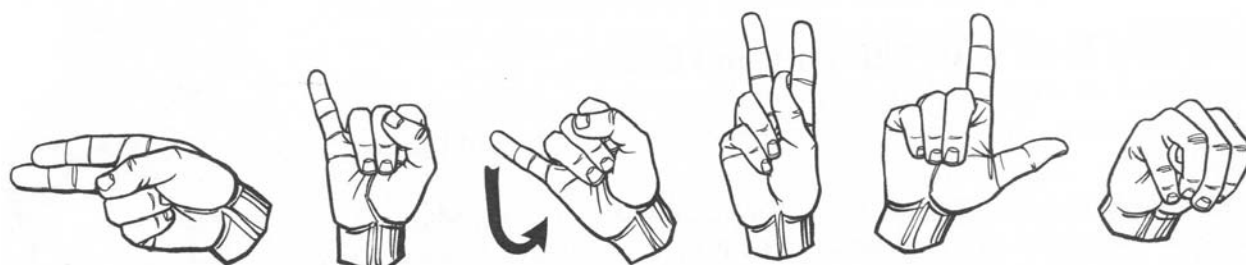
"Read to your children often to instill a love of reading in them to last a lifetime. Let them pick the book you read and watch them sit and listen"



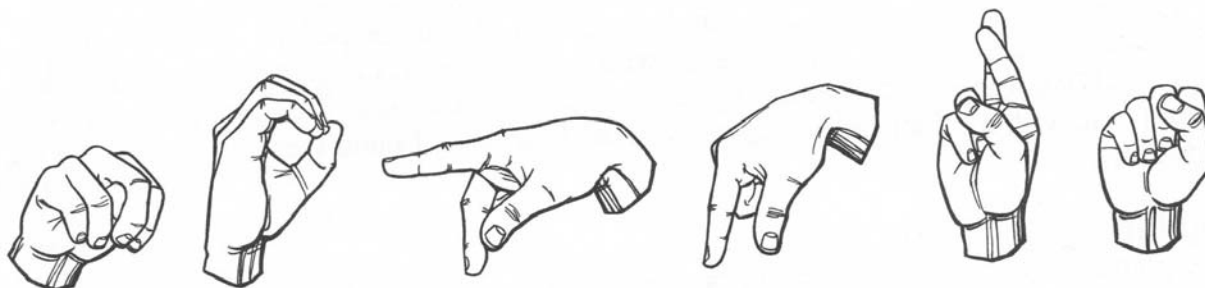
# Sign Language - Alphabet



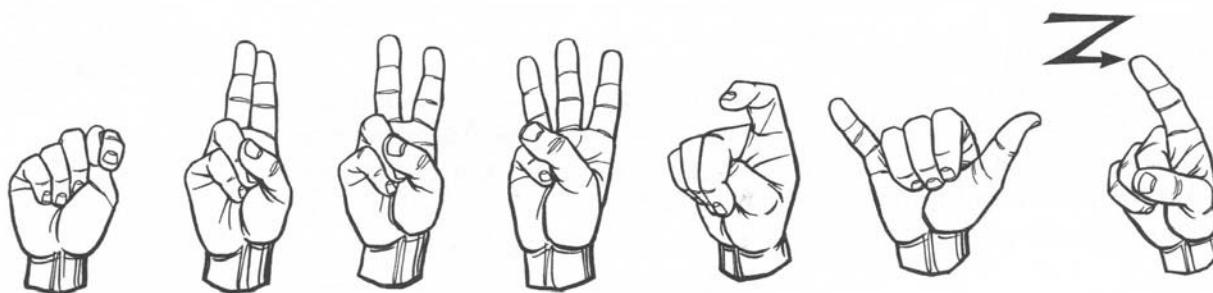
A B C D E F G



H I J K L M



N O P Q R S



T U V W X Y Z

# Kid's Korner

How many words can you make from  
Happy Halloween?

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Color the picture.

How many words can you find?

H A L L O W E E N  
 A M E G A G N T I  
 P E R E S H A R K  
 P O B Y N O P A P  
 Y D N A C S M D M  
 I E G O G T A V U  
 W I N M I S C H P  
 I A R O B R T E K  
 T N O T E L E K S  
 C A L I Y E D R E  
 H W M T A T H W E



What's Different?

Find the difference in the two pictures. List them below or circle them in the pictures.

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Happy  
Halloween  
Pumpkin

Skeleton  
Witch  
Ghost  
Candy