

OCTOBER

October Theme

Autumn is here! This month we will be discussing the environmental changes including the leaves (color changes, why they fall), harvest time (apples, pumpkins), and animals (why they store for the winter). Our focus is on how plants, animals, and people change and prepare for winter.

Also, we will discuss "My Family". Families come in many sizes and each one is special. These are the people who love us most of all. Please bring a family picture to share and display.

This month we will talk about the color orange and square shape. Please have time to color and shape hunt at home with your child.



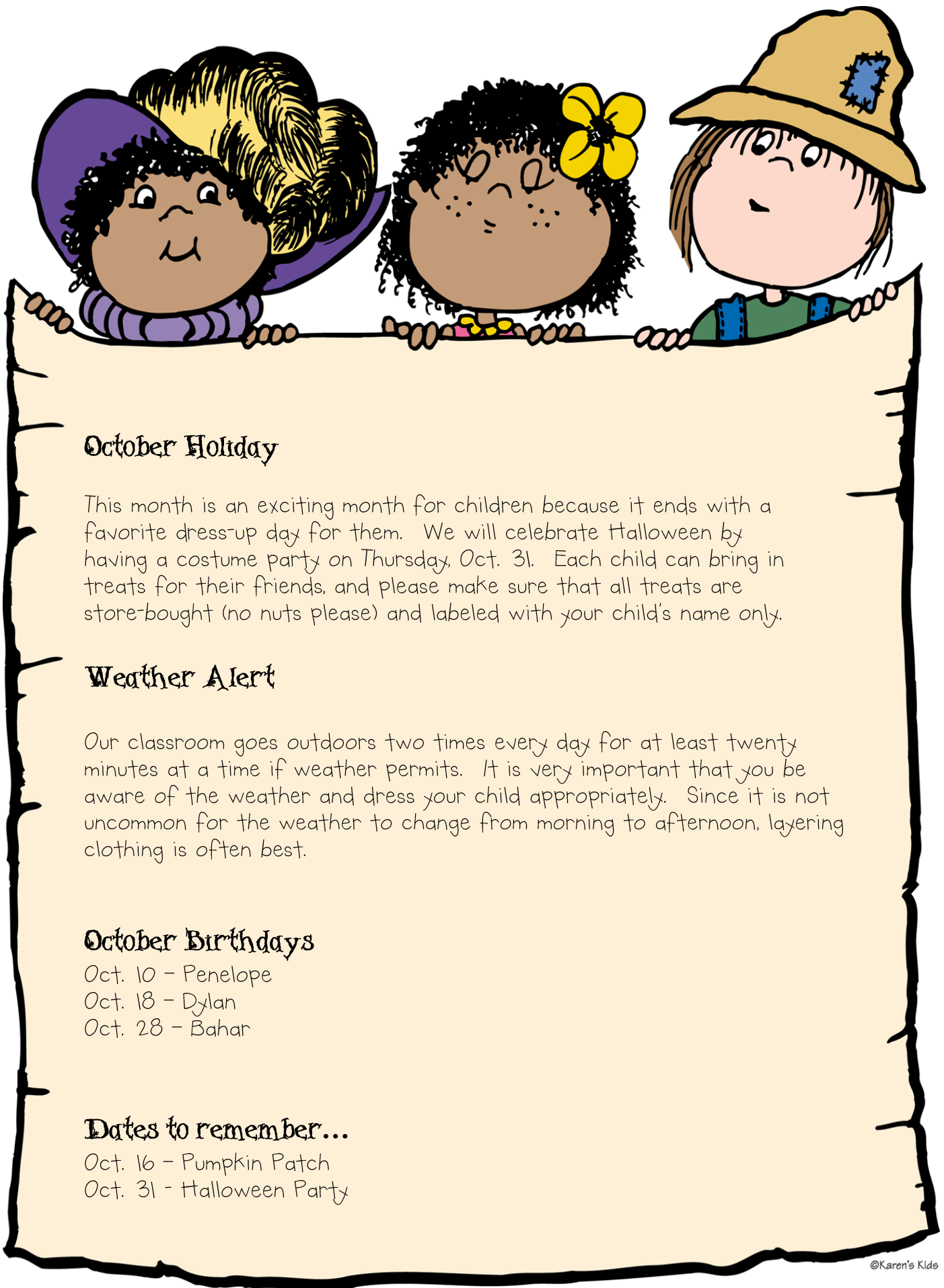
Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 6 - Oct. 12)

During this week, we will be talking about basic safety:

No matches, lighters

How to call for help

STOP, DROP, ROLL



October Holiday

This month is an exciting month for children because it ends with a favorite dress-up day for them. We will celebrate Halloween by having a costume party on Thursday, Oct. 31. Each child can bring in treats for their friends, and please make sure that all treats are store-bought (no nuts please) and labeled with your child's name only.

Weather Alert

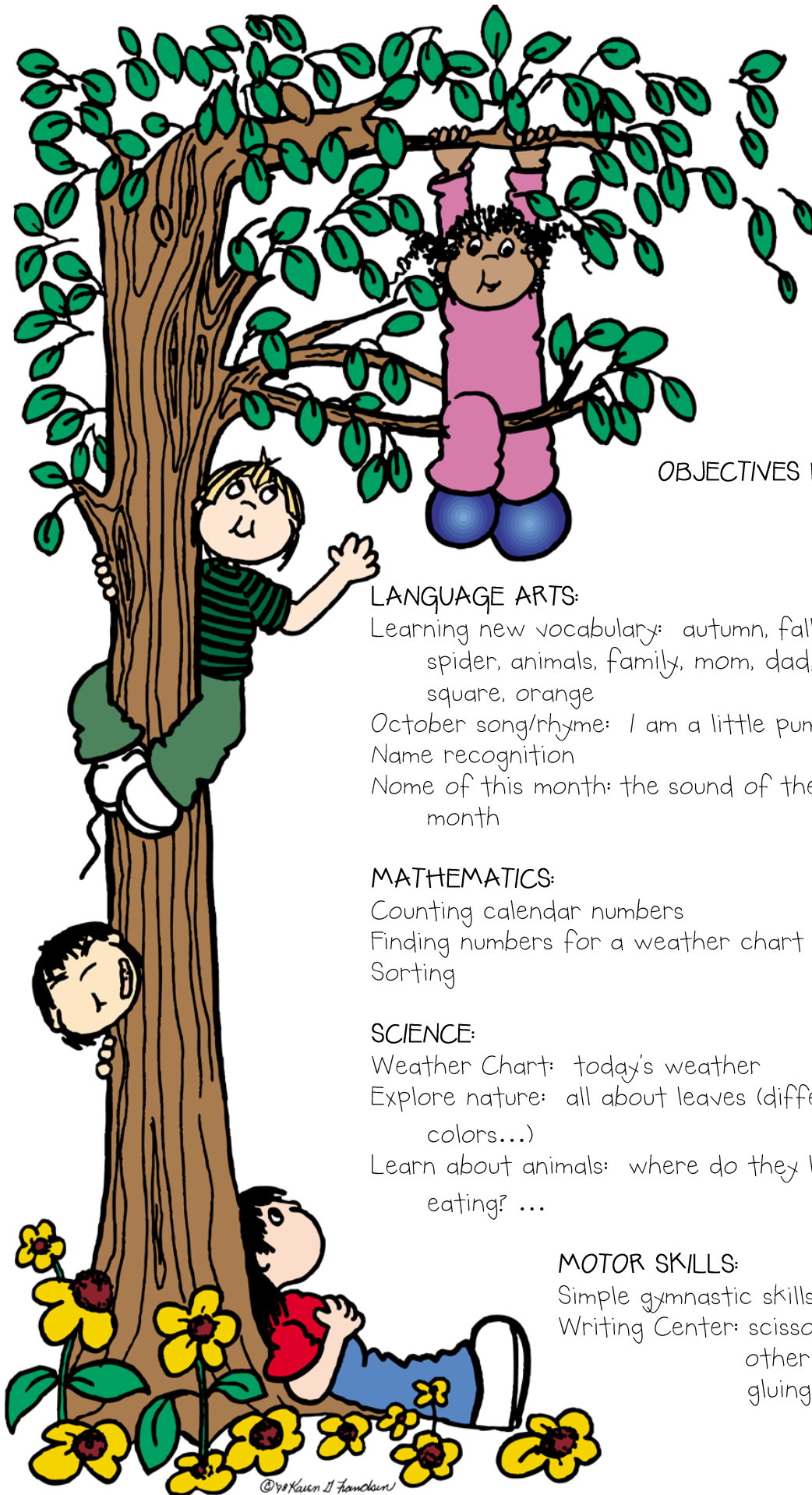
Our classroom goes outdoors two times every day for at least twenty minutes at a time if weather permits. It is very important that you be aware of the weather and dress your child appropriately. Since it is not uncommon for the weather to change from morning to afternoon, layering clothing is often best.

October Birthdays

- Oct. 10 - Penelope
- Oct. 18 - Dylan
- Oct. 28 - Bahar

Dates to remember...

- Oct. 16 - Pumpkin Patch
- Oct. 31 - Halloween Party



OBJECTIVES FOR THIS MONTH

LANGUAGE ARTS:

Learning new vocabulary: autumn, fall, leaves, apple, pumpkin, spider, animals, family, mom, dad, sister, brother, square, orange

October song/rhyme: *I am a little pumpkin*

Name recognition

None of this month: the sound of the first letter of this month

MATHEMATICS:

Counting calendar numbers

Finding numbers for a weather chart

Sorting

SCIENCE:

Weather Chart: today's weather

Explore nature: all about leaves (different kinds, different colors...)

Learn about animals: where do they live? What are they eating? ...

MOTOR SKILLS:

Simple gymnastic skills: tumbling

Writing Center: scissors, holding crayons and other writing materials, gluing