



Early Years Weekly Newsletter

QUARTER 2 · WEEK 1 · FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2026



Nursery

Learning Through Play

Weekly Learning Focus

This week, Nursery students explored Halloween through creative activities and classroom decorations. They worked together to make the learning environment festive while developing creativity and teamwork.

English in Action

Students reviewed the letters **li** and **Nn**, practiced family vocabulary by making family finger puppets, and enjoyed singing and moving to “If You’re Happy and You Know It.” These activities helped students build confidence in understanding and using familiar English words.

Create & Explore

Students made paper pumpkins by cutting and shaping paper. This activity encouraged creativity, strengthened fine motor skills, and provided opportunities to explore shapes and colors.

Music, Movement & Growing Together

Through songs, dancing, and classroom activities, students practiced following instructions, sharing materials, and communicating with teachers and friends. They showed growing confidence, kindness, and cooperation during group activities.

Cooking

There was no cooking activity this week due to the October holiday break.

Looking Ahead

Next week, students will begin exploring **plants** through hands-on discovery and creative activities.

Phonics Review the letters Mm, Cc, Tt, and Ee.

Doodle Town Explore the “My Family” unit.

Fine Motor Skills Practice tracing and letter formation.

Speaking Share what they enjoy doing with their families at home.



Kindergarten

Discovering the Natural World

Phonics & Numbers

Students learned the letter sound **Uu**, identified words beginning with /u/, and practiced writing Uu and Hh. In Mathematics, they strengthened their number skills by counting from **21 to 50** through a turn-taking activity.

Understanding the World

Students explored the parts of a plant and their functions, learning vocabulary such as **roots, stem, leaves, flowers, and fruit**. They also went outdoors to observe different flowers, assembled the parts of a flower, and discussed how to grow one.

Science & Investigation

Students planted chia seeds in eggshells and began exploring what plants need to grow. They practiced making predictions and learned new words, including **seeds, eggshells, and water**.

Growing Together

Through observation, discussion, and hands-on investigation, students practiced curiosity, turn-taking, and explaining their ideas in English. These experiences encouraged them to ask questions, make predictions, and connect new vocabulary with the world around them.

Looking Ahead

Students will continue learning about plants and explore the **life cycle of a plant**.

Phonics Learn the letter sounds Gg and Oo.

Mathematics Count and recognize numbers 21–50.

Understanding the World Continue exploring plants and how to care for them.



📌 Family Reminders

- ✓ **Tuesday:** Please bring one favorite item for Show & Tell.
- ✓ **Friday:** Please pack a change of clothes for Water Play.

Thank you for being part of our learning community. We look forward to another week of discovery, creativity, and growing confidence in English!

Warm regards,
Palm River Academy English Center



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