



# RED RIVER<sup>®</sup>

Children's Learning Center

## PARENT NEWSLETTER



### LOCAL FAMILY EVENTS

Buffalo Pumpkin Patch, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily through Halloween, 1 mile west of Buffalo, Iowa, on Iowa 22. Hayrack rides, maze, pony rides and more.  
(563) 370-4026

Happy Hollow U-Pick pumpkin patch, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; noon-5 p.m. Sundays, through October; 17325 20th Ave. N., East Moline. Pumpkins, winter squash and other vegetables available for picking.  
(309) 496-1515

Stone's Apple Barn, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily until Thanksgiving. Preserves, apple butter, fresh apple cider, fall decorations and more. Hayrack rides and pick-your-own apples weather permitting. One mile east of Hampton. (309) 496-2318



### Reminders...

Friday October 31<sup>st</sup> we will be having our Halloween party. Feel free to bring in treats to share, but please remember all treats must be store bought. We are unable to allow homemade treats. Also, if your child wishes to bring a costume for the day they may, but please bring a regular outfit for them to wear after the party.

You have probably noticed our new shed being built. We are excited to have the bigger home for all our toys and equipment. We needed the larger one in order to hold our new 6 seat stroller for the infant and toddler room! Now they will be able to go on rides with their teachers.



# NOTES and reminders

Picture day was a huge success! Your child's pictures should be ready in about 3 weeks. You will then be able to select the pictures you like and place orders for prints. Thank You!



Red Rover will be participating in the Quad Cities Student Hunger Drive. We are asking for donations of non-perishable food items from September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your help!

Student hunger drive.

Make sure to vote for Red Rover CLC as your most loved business on [localsloveus.com](http://localsloveus.com)



Make sure to like us on Facebook.



## IN OUR CLASSROOM

### Bee Room

- Miss. Katlyn
- Miss. Baillie
- Miss. Georgia

### Piglet Room

- Miss. Brandy
- Miss. Deb
- Miss. Ellie

### Monkey Room

- Miss. Alicia
- Miss. Sarah

### Guppy Room

- Miss. KT
- Miss. Leticia

### Butterfly Room

- Miss. Joelle
- Miss. Kendra

### Dragonfly Room

- Miss. Heidi

### Support Staff

- Miss. Kate
- Miss. Tara
- Miss. Deanna
- Miss. Jenna
- Miss. Anna
- Miss. Jamie

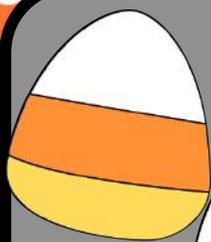
# Teacher Spotlight Miss. Brandy

Hello, my name is Brandy Keller and I am a teacher in the Piglet Room (one year olds). I went to school at Western Illinois University where I studied Graphic Communications. After working in Florida for Disney and Apple I decided to move home and change careers. That is when I found my home here at Red Rover about a year and a half ago. I love working with the toddlers because its such a rewarding job watching them learn to walk, talk and develop their own little personalities.

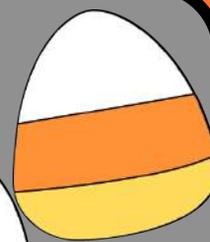
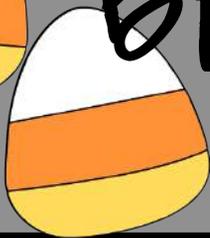
In my free time I hang out with my large family. I'm the proud aunt to 3 nieces and 2 nephews. I enjoy working out at Crossfit, activities with my church, and running my own Etsy shop of hand painted crafts. I also travel to South Bend, Indiana almost every weekend in the fall to cheer on the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, as I'm a huge football fan. (Yes that might have been me that taught your child to say Go Irish!)

I am so happy to be here at Red Rover and so thankful for everything this job has taught me. I look forward to the new adventures each day here brings.





# BEE BUZZ



In October, we will be doing a lot of Halloween activities such as a hand print bat and a footprint ghost. We will be singing new songs like the '5 Little Pumpkins Song' and 'Flutter Flutter Little Bat!'

It is optional to put your infant in a costume on Halloween. Remember, Halloween is on a Friday this year.

This month Owen and Celia will move up to the Piglet Room and we will be welcoming some new babies in our room.

Make sure you are checking our lost and found bin by the children's cubbies for socks that are missing. Socks fall off easily and can make it harder for our babies that are trying to practice walking around.

Please make sure you are bringing in a jacket, hat, gloves and pants as the weather is constantly changing. We will be continuing to go outside when we can.

Please wash your child's hands as well as your hands when entering our classroom, and your hands when picking up your child. Cold and flu season is here!



# PIGLET CORNER



Welcome families! We are planning on having a SPOOKtacular Halloween season in the Piglet room. We have a ton of activities and crafts planned that the kids are sure to love. Along with the holiday we also plan on having a week for 'All About Me' where we ask that, if you haven't already, you bring in a family photo we can use with our lesson plan and also hang on the wall. As always make sure your child has appropriate clothing in their cubby that fits and is for the right season. We would like to welcome some new friends into our room; Nolan, Imogene, Brady and Owen are all new additions. We are excited to have them with us. We would also like to wish our friend Karinne a fond farewell as she moves next door to the Monkey Room. We will miss her spunky personality so much! A friendly reminder, please make sure your child has appropriate shoes on every day, or brings them with, as we go outside everyday and with the weather changing they will need warmer footwear. Thank you so much for your continued support. If you have any questions feel free to chat with us!

Brandy, Deb, and Ellie

## October Lesson Plans

- All About Me
- Teddy Bears
- Outer Space
- Halloween

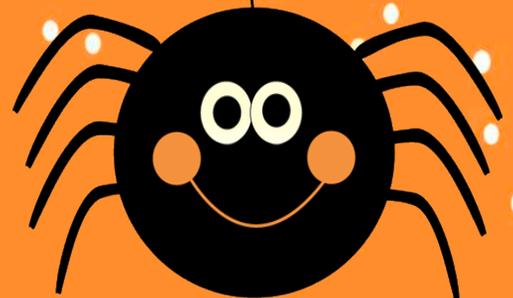


# Hanging with the Monkey &



First of all we would like to welcome Miss Sarah to our classroom. As fall has gotten here, we have been very busy observing the change in the trees- the leaves changing colors, and the weather starting to get cooler. Please send jackets or sweaters with your child. The children have been wonderful. They have been learning their colors, ABC's, and numbers. The children are very excited for Halloween and what fun activities we have planned for the room. We are going to miss our friends Marie, and John as they are moving to the Guppy Room. Thank you all. Miss Alicia and Miss Sarah

Please send home all summer clothes in cubbies and replace with fall.



# Take A swim with the Guppy's



Autumn will be the focus of our room in the month of October. We will be exploring leaves, colors of fall and the changing weather. October is also fire safety month. We will be learning about firefighters and how to be safe. We will also be learning about outer space and our planets. Spiders, monsters, and ghosts will be our area of focus as we celebrate Halloween! We will be celebrating the upcoming holiday by coming to school in our costumes. Through the month we will be learning about letters: E, H, T, I.

Remember Fridays are Spirit day we encourage your child to dress in their favorite team shirt or colors. The weather is becoming a bit cooler, please remember to send a jacket with your child and replace any summer spare clothes with weather appropriate ones. If you haven't already returned your family poster please do so when possible.  
Thank You!  
Miss. KT and Miss. Leticia

# Butterfly time



Fall is getting started in our Butterfly Room. The themes in our room are fire safety, outer space, and two weeks of Halloween fun. We will be learning the letters C, O, Q and G. We will be teaching the letters with Get Ready For School (Hand Writing Without Tears). Please bring extra fall clothes (sweat pants, long sleeved shirts, sweat shirts, underwear and a coat) to keep in their cubby. On Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> we will be celebrating Halloween.

If you want to bring something to pass out or share you may do so. Just a friendly reminder treats must be store bought. No homemade things. Your child may also bring a costume to wear for some of the day. If you have any old costumes, feel free to bring them in so we can put them in our dress up/ housekeeping area. Thank you so much!

Miss Kendra and Miss Joelle



# Speak with the Dragonflies



Acorns, Pinecones and Pumpkins, Oh My! It's all about Fall in the Dragonfly's! We hope to get plenty of outside time learning and playing with the fall weather quickly approaching.

Dragonfly Parents:  
We would like to introduce you to our new Dragonfly teacher, Miss Heidi Nicholson. Heidi comes to the Quad Cities from West Bend, Wisconsin. She attended Carthage College where she obtained a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a graduate licensure in reading education. Before moving here Heidi was an elementary reading and math teacher in Racine, Wisconsin.

Heidi is celebrating her first year of marriage (congratulations) and likes to golf and swim. She also enjoys crafts and scrapbooking. Please take the time to give her a warm Red Rover welcome. We are happy to have Heidi join our team look forward to her contributions.

Please be patient with us as welcoming a new teacher also means some changes in the classroom. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask the front office or Miss. Heidi!