

# School-Age 1 Lesson Plan

## Fall Into Fun

October 2021



### 1. Vegetable Garden Clean Up

(Health and Wellness, Environmental Learning)

As the growing season comes to an end, the class will work together for the fall garden clean up. Students will learn why it is important to clean up your garden and how to prepare the soil for the next season's harvest. We'll also examine plant root systems and any garden critters they discover.

What nutritional value is in fresh garden goodies?!

### 2. Matisse Pumpkin Decorating

(Arts and Culture, Media and Technology)

Henri Matisse was a French artist known for creating art with paper cut-outs and decoupage. Students will use the room computer to research this artist and create Matisse inspired pumpkins by cutting abstract shapes out of tissue paper and using mod podge to adhere them to their pumpkins.

### 3. Welcome to the Neighborhood

(Service Learning, Social Emotional Development/Character Education)

Lakeland's Little Learners has new "neighbors" that have moved in down the street. The City of Elkhorn administration building is complete, and staff have moved in. Students will prepare seasonal welcome gifts for city employees and get the opportunity to practice social skills by learning how to properly introduce themselves to one of our new neighbors.

### 4. Fall Library Collection

(Language, Literacy, and Numeracy)

A selection of seasonal books will be added to our school-age book shelf for the children to enjoy. A range of titles and topics will include all things fall: including apples, pumpkins, nature, fall weather, fall holidays, and more.

Designated reading time will be encouraged and allotted each week for them to explore these new materials.

### 5. Oozing Pumpkins

(STEM)

Halloween time is great for messy science experiments! We will be testing two different methods for producing chemical reactions that create foam. Watching foam emerge out of a pumpkin will add the perfect element of spooky oozy fun to this classic science experiment.

### 6. Mid-Autumn Lanterns

(Global Learning)

The changing of seasons is celebrated around the world in a variety of ways and with unique traditions. This month we will discuss the Chinese tradition of the Mid-Autumn Festival. During this festival, children are encouraged to make and decorate their own lanterns. School-Age 1 students will get to participate in this tradition by creating and decorating their paper lanterns.

