

**“My Family, My Community”** is the October curriculum theme. The theme includes learning about the family, neighbors, places in the community and community helpers. There will be lots of opportunities for communication in the classrooms and throughout the building.

Here are a few suggested home activities to encourage language, literacy and concepts:

**October vocabulary:**

family	off
home	big
pets	small
neighbor	fast
community	slow
buildings	first
street	second
sidewalk	last

Emphasize these words at home as you and your child play and look at pictures in books and magazines together.

**Activities:**

1. Together look at family photographs and talk about the people and places in the pictures.
2. Have your child draw a picture of his/her family, of your home, of the bedroom. Talk about the picture and label the items in the picture.
3. Visit a Fire Department as a family, call and request a time to visit or participate in the Fire Department’s annual Fire Fighters Day, which is held in October. Visit the Post Office in your community and visit the public Library together. Talk about who you meet, the equipment the workers use and how they help your family. Take photos on your visits and send them to school as a story. Draw a picture of your visits and send it to school to share.
4. As you walk on the sidewalk or drive through the community look for traffic lights and stop signs; look for office buildings, shopping centers and grocery stores. Label and describe what you see.

**October Book Suggestions**

Goodnight Moon, Margaret Wise Brown  
Five Monkeys Jumping on the Bed, Eileen Christelow  
Trash Town, Andrea Zimmerman  
The Fire Engine Book or any fire fighter book  
Clifford the Firehouse Dog, Norman Bridwell  
Bear at Work, Stella Blackstone  
Bear’s Busy Family, Stella Blackstone  
Any of the Llama Llama books, Anna Dewdney

**Songs to Sing**

Raffi’s “Brush Your Teeth”  
Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

You can find books and CDs at your local public library. The librarians can suggest additional titles that you and your child may enjoy.