

Columbus Day!

Why Is Columbus Day Celebrated?

"In fourteen hundred ninety-two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue..."

On October 12, 1492, the Italian seaman Christopher Columbus first stepped foot on the soil of the Americas, bringing with him European culture, goods, religion and practices. While other Europeans and Asians had arrived in the "New World" before him, Columbus publicized his discoveries throughout Europe, which spurred a wave of exploration and expansion throughout the Americas.

Ironically, Columbus did not plan on discovering a "New World". He left Iberia with the blessing (and financing) of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain, hoping to arrive in the Indies, a series of islands in South East Asia that Spain frequently traded with through long and expensive journeys on land. His goal was to find a quicker, water-based route instead.

But what Columbus wasn't aware of was the existence of the land masses of North and South America. So when he sailed west, he didn't land in the Indies, but rather he anchored in the Bahamas at a place he named "San Salvador". When he came ashore on San Salvador, he mistook the native people for natives of India, calling them Indians, a misnomer which stands to this day. In fact, Columbus returned to the Americas three more times over the course of 12 years without knowing that he had arrived in an uncharted land, halfway around the globe from his intended destination!

In the United States, Columbus Day is always celebrated on the second Monday in October. In 2008, Columbus Day is celebrated on Monday, October 13.

The first Columbus Day was celebrated in New York in 1792 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Columbus' historic arrival.



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The History Behind Columbus Day" By Cara J. Stevens



Inspire Your Child's
ImagNation
to take flight!

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News from our Hughesville and Waldorf Classrooms

Care Bears (infants/tots)

The babies are no longer babies. They have grown into little busy people with personalities so funny they should be on TV. Laila, has grown so much. She is able to recite the ABC song and play the beat of the song to drums (amazing). I mean she knows when to pause and go again. Brooke, is the mother of the room and she is 18 months going on 6 years old. Brooke, makes me laugh daily with her facial expressions and her imaginative play (astonishing). Demarco is now walking and terrorizing everyone (just kidding). He is speaking more and more words daily and I can't wait to see him explode with the use of the Babies Can Read curriculum (brilliant).



Ms. Talaine and Leiasha

Bunny Hoppers (two's & young three's)

In September we meet a few new friends and got reacquainted with old ones. We learned of many different pets people have in their homes. We discovered that worms eat apples too! September was the end of a great summer. Now it is time to concentrate on the fall activities and preparing our minds for academics. Next month we will focus on community helpers, fire safety, fall colors, and pumpkins. We may even make some pumpkin pies (yummy)! We will also reinforce the letter Bb, numbers 1 and 2 and a host of colors and shapes. We are looking to plan a cool fall festival so stay tuned. We would also like to say goodbye to Dylan as he moves to the pre-school room (have fun Dylan).

Ms. Ann

Pre-school (three's & four's)

Ahhh, summer is gone. We had a blast going on so many field trips but we really enjoyed the Pirates of Adventure boat trip, it was way cool. We got to wear eye patches, carry swords, wear tattoos and some of us even grew mustaches overnight. We shot cannon's, discovered buried treasure and was allowed to bring some of the precious loot home. What an Imaginative time we had.

During the month of September, we reviewed our alphabets and numbers. And to our great surprise, we haven't forgotten a thing. We are so intelligent! We also continued practicing our spanish words and songs. We enjoyed making play dough and cooking some delicious treats. Next month, we plan to explore everything fall and really dive into the Abeka curriculum. Homework and repetition is the key to our success so we will be getting plenty of it. We would like to welcome Jamir, Dylan and John to our family.

Ms. Angela

School-agers (6-8 yr. olds)

Huge kudos to the exciting summer program, the children had so much fun that they never wanted to go home. They really loved the trip to Medieval Dinner Theatre, it chopped full of adventure. This month we had a great time with cooking projects and arts and crafts. We even tried to build a house out of cards but someone kept blowing them down (Ms. Talaine). Next month, Ms. Talaine promises to have a lot more cooking and games for us to play. We know homework comes first, so we always rush in and get that done so that we can do one of the wonderful projects she has for us. Parents, please remember that Friday is movie day, so you don't have to rush to come and get us. Usually 5:00pm or 5:30pm is a good time.

This year the ImagiNations Charity Schoolage group will partner with Children's Hospital. Our goal is to raise money to help the hospital give the children things that they need. For the months of Oct. and November we are going to raise \$400 to purchase toiletries that are desperately needed. The children must come up with fundraiser ideas and implement them to raise the money. They will also be required to write or draw a picture for a sick child once a month. This experience will help children to be more compassionate and to understand how blessed they really are to be healthy. I am excited to see how the children will respond to working on the behalf of someone else.



Ms. Talaine

News from our Great Mills Classrooms

Caterpillars (infants/tots)

The caterpillars are moving there way through Fall. They have been learning the basis colors of fall: red, orange, yellow and brown. Five down and one to go! Our little Lilliana is now walking on her own. Way to go! Sanai has started waving hi and good-bye and she is all over the floor crawling now. Keep it up! Austin and Wyatt are growing up so fast. We are starting to begin potty training Austin and Wyatt can now say " Cup " Great job boys! Our caterpillars are learning so fast.

Ms. Kathy and Ms. Ashley



Butterflies (two's)

Our theme for the month of October has been Nature. We have been doing a lot of outside activities before the cold weather rolls around. We took a nature walk collecting leaves, acorn and sticks and we made a fall collage. The color of the month is brown one of our fall colors. The butterflies are continuing to do very well with their potty training

Great Job!

Ms. Cindy

Bumblebees (Pre-schoolers)

First I would like to welcome Joshua Anderson and Jacob Moore to our bumble bee class, We are happy to have them. Fall is finally here and the theme for the month of October will be harvest. The class will be learning the letters (Ww) and (Xx) and the two spanish numbers for the month will be the numbers (3) and (4) Tres and Cuatro. Last month they all did very well with Uno and Dos. Also parents the week of October 5th-9th is Fire Prevention week. We will be discussing fire safety for that entire week. We will also have a fire drill by the end of that week.

Ms. Paulsha and Ms. Jamie



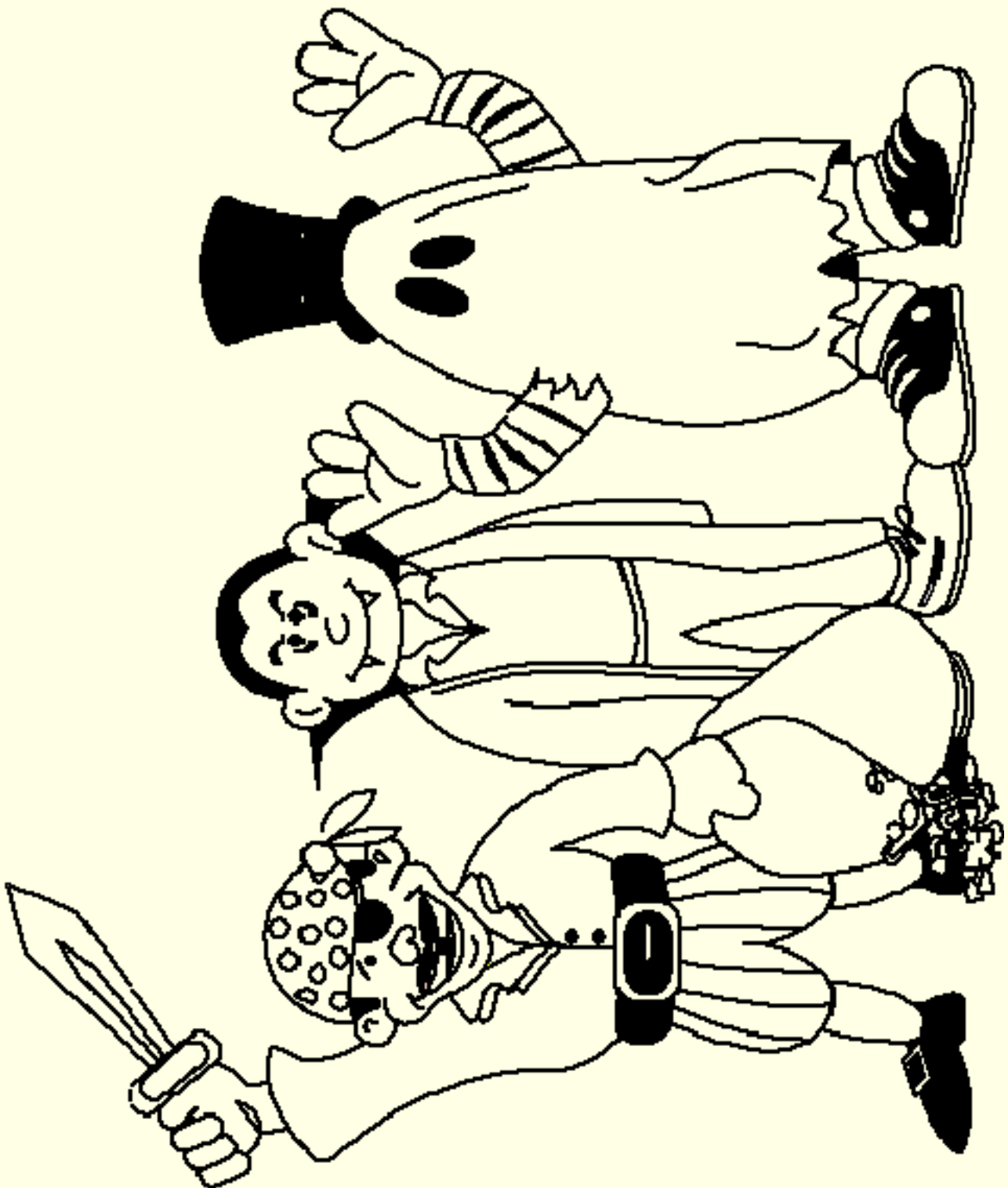
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October Fun

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Harvest Word Search

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Announcements

Birthday Wishes

ImagiNations ELC would like to wish each of you a very special Happy Birthday!

Jamir September 12

Morgan September 13

Jocelyn October 24

Dylan October 30



**DON'T FORGET TO
TURN YOUR CLOCKS
BACK
BEFORE YOU GO TO
BED ON SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 31ST!**

From the Director!

We are in full academic throttle. We are implementing the spanish lessons, music and library day starting mid October. For the Babies, we are starting the "Babies can Read" series and Abeka for all the other age group. Academics is great but it is also important that the children have fun and that they are allowed to be creative or imaginative and therefore each week the children will be engaged in science, art and cooking activities.

Thanks to all the parents who volunteered on field trips during the summer, I appreciated all of your help.

Referral Program - We have had several parents receive free week(s) of tuition by simply referring a friend, co-worker or even a total stranger to our facility. One parent told me that her two year old was reading letters off her shirt or hat (NAVY) and was trying to sound out the word when another parent heard him and asked "what school does your child attend?". The parent was impressed and registered her child. This is a true testament, of the passion our teachers have for exposing children to academic excellence. We may not be the biggest or prettiest center but we do have what is important. So, be an advocate for ImagiNationsELC, refer someone and receive free tuition. See Director for further details on this program.

New Arrivals - As discussed at the last parent meeting, Ms. Tina will be leaving the Hughesville Center to go to the Great Mills Center. Ms. Tina is scheduled to leave late Oct. or early November. The goal this year is to find the right fit for the ImagiNations Family. Although I can not predict a person's motives or have control over their actions, I can take my time to make better choices. I have taken several weeks interviewing candidates and I am almost complete with this process. For our two's and pre-school classrooms, we are looking for people who are already familiar with the Abeka curriculum and have a desire to make learning fun. I am also looking for people dedicated to the field of education, because these are the people who will continue to grow and learn. They will be a better resource for you and better teachers for your child(ren). With this said, during the month of October and November, you will begin to see new enthusiastic faces. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me. If you can't get in touch with me, please ask a teacher for my cell phone number. With the new arrivals, it will free me to spend more time at Hughesville.

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Mission, Vision, Values Statement

MISSION Imaginations Early Learning Centers, LLC believes in the growth of the whole child, emotional, physical and intellectual. We believe that each child has a natural sense of wonder and curiosity. And, given the right environment, children can become creative thinkers, resourceful problem-solvers and interesting, well-rounded individuals carving their unique niche in society. Our highly trained teachers and staff provide a safe and nurturing environment to stimulate growth and creativity in each child, while cultivating an appreciation for culture, self and community.

We believe that every child is a beautiful blessing, whether they grow up to be firefighters, doctors, artists or Nobel peace prize winners. Each child deserves the same love and encouragement to develop his or her unique strengths and abilities. After all, with a little imagination, the possibilities are endless!

VISION To establish safe and secure multipurpose facilities serving families with children ages six weeks through 12 years. We emphasize the importance of serving the family as a unit, while building strong community partnerships throughout Southern Maryland.

VALUES Honesty, Integrity, Respect, Accountability and a Passion for Excellence and Education (Learning).