October 2021

IXL Learning Center Scribbles

IXL's Halloween Plan

Please watch for more information regarding our upcoming Halloween celebration sent via Tadpoles. Here are some quick reminders about our food policy for Halloween party food donations brought into the center:

- IXL is an Allergy Aware center. Please don't bring in any food containing or manufactured in the same facility with peanuts or nuts.
- Food labels cannot contain (or have traces of) any form of nut ingredient on it.
- No homemade foods/treats are allowed to be served to the classroom. Pre-packaged, sealed food/treats with label bought from a store can be served.
- Single ingredient items such as carrots and strawberries are allowed. The teachers will wash these before serving.

IXL Boo Bash Take Home Kits

IXL's Boo Bash is a celebration of all things SPOOKY! While we are unable to welcome our families into our center for this annual event, we are bringing the Boo Bash to your home!

Browse our craft kit & activity selections and pick the perfect activities for you and your child to enjoy, while supplies last. Follow this link to the IXL at Home Boo Bash Craft Kits. Payments can be made via Venmo after selections have been made. **Orders must be placed by Friday, October 1st** and will be **available for pick up at your IXL location on Friday, October 15th.**

Handwashing at IXL

IXL has a Hand Washing Policy to help prevent the spread of germs. Children will wash their hands when they enter their IXL classroom for the day. Teachers help all children wash their hands throughout the day, including before/after meals and after getting their diaper changed or using the bathroom. Hand washing at IXL is very important in helping us to prevent the spreading of illnesses.

Covid-19 Updates

In an effort to provide clear and consolidated COVID communications sent from IXL, a Covid-19 Weekly Communication update will be sent via Tadpoles each Wednesday. This update will provide any COVID related information from the previous seven days, per IXL location. If there are no COVID related updates, there WILL NOT be a communication sent for the week. **In the event of a COVID positive scenario, close contacts in need of quarantining WILL BE CONTACTED IMMEDIATELY via phone or email.**

If there are any new protocols or requirements that IXL is mandated to follow, a COVID memo will be sent via Tadpoles as soon as this information is available.

Upcoming Dates:

Pajama Day
Thursday, October 28th

Fun Fridays

October 1st: **Wear Crazy Hair!**

October 8th: **Wear Tie Dye!**

October 15th: **Wear your Favorite Disney Character!**

October 22nd: **Wear a Silly Hat!**

October 29th: **Wear Orange & Black!**

IXL Closures
Thursday, November 25th
& Friday, November 26th
for the Thanksgiving Holiday

CANCELLED
IXL FALL EVENTS:
IXL Cider Mill Fall Event
IXL Boo Bash @ IXL South Lyon

Sick Season & Medication Policy

As the sick season approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of IXL's health policies. To keep our center clean and our kids healthy, it is important that we work together!

- Keep children home when they are sick- we will be strongly enforcing our sick policy and screening children when they arrive at IXL and throughout the day.
- When your child becomes ill at IXL, your child must be picked up within the hour or a $50 late fee for illness will be applied.
- IXL hand washing policy- all children must wash hands when arriving for the day. Teachers will do this with the children upon arrival.
- Flu shots are encouraged for all, per health department recommendation.
- Wash your hands and your child's hands frequently.
- Teach children to cough into the crease of their elbow OR tissue vs. into their hands.

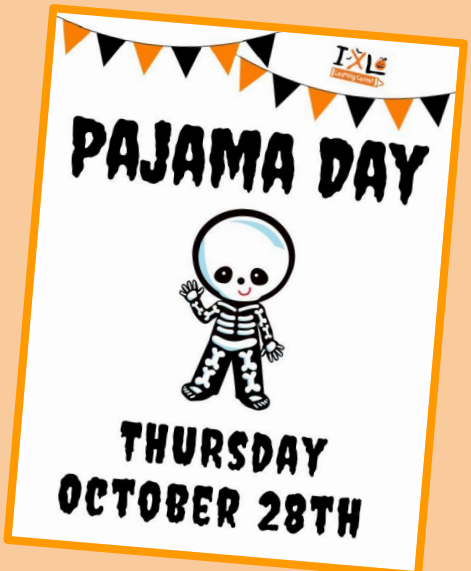
Our **Sick Policy** states that we are unable to refund or switch days that your child may be sick. It is very difficult to staff appropriately and is unfair to full-time families who have no day to switch to. In the event that your child is sick, please call the office to let them know or mark them "sick" on the Tadpoles app. Thank you for understanding as we work hard to keep our classrooms healthy!

Our **Medication Policy** states that ALL medication must have a doctor's note in order for IXL to administer. This includes homeopathic and all natural medications. A "Permission to Administer" form must be filled out by a parent for each medication and is kept in the office. Medications must also have the prescription label attached.

October is Assessment Month

Lead teachers in our Smart Start classrooms (2 1/2 and older) will be assessing children in their classrooms during the month of October. This initial assessment is used as a guide for teachers in lesson planning and to evaluate each child's individual needs in the classroom. Assessments are completed three times per year during the months of October, February and June.

IXL uses an assessment app called HighMark as a tool for teachers to assess each child more efficiently. Assessments will be completed by the end of October and a copy will be provided to parents for review in early November. If you have any questions about your child's assessment, please discuss this with your child's lead teacher or a director.



Important Reminders:

- **All parents/guardians and authorized pick up persons must wear a mask while inside of the IXL building.**
- As the weather is getting cooler, please remember to have appropriate outdoor gear and extra clothes for your child at IXL.
- IXL Learning Center's hours are from 7:00am-6:00pm. Drop off is not permitted before 7:00am, and a late pick up fee will be applied to your account for any pick ups after 6:00pm. Any pick up between 6:01-6:10pm will be applied a $10 fee and $2/minute will be added for any pick up after 6:10pm.
- Tuition payments are due in full on or before 10:00am Friday for the following week of attendance.

We are Hiring

and would love your help

Because IXL seeks only the most wonderful staff for your children, we are asking parents to assist in our hiring! Refer a new hire to IXL & your family will receive a $100 "Parent New Hire Referral" credit!

* credit incentive offered until October 29th & will be applied after employee has completed 90 days of employment with us.

IXL Learning Center

IXL Curriculum

OCTOBER WEEKLY FOCUSES

Infant/ Infant Too

Date:	Theme:	Sign:	Shape:	Color:	Discovery:	Music:	Emotion:
4th-8th	**Safety Town**	Stop	Circle	Green	Banana	“Wheels on the Bus”	Excited
11th-15th	**Pumpkins**	Yes	Heart	Blue	Bubbles	"Alphabet"	Hurt
18th-22nd	**Creepy Crawly Bugs**	No	Star	Purple	Dog	“Itsy Bitsy Spider”	Silly
25th-29th	**Halloween Fun**	Eat	Square	Pink	Cat	"Baby Shark"	Tired

Toddler/ Toddler Too

Date:	Theme:	Letter:	Number:	Sign:	Shape:	Color:	Body:	Discovery:	Music:	Emotion:
4th-8th	**Safety Town**	D	4	Stop, Go	Circle	Green	Head	Firetruck	“Hurry Firetruck”	Excited
11th-15th	**Pumpkins**	E	5	Look	Heart	Blue	Arm	Pumpkin	“Five Pumpkins”	Hurt
18th-22nd	**Creepy Crawly Bugs**	F	6	Want	Oval	Purple	Hand	Bug	“Itsy Bitsy Spider”	Silly
25th-29th	**Halloween Fun**	G	7	Eat	Star	Pink	Finger	Costume	“Jack-O-Lantern”	Tired

Young Preschool

Date:	Theme:	Letter:	Number:	Shape:	Color:	Sign Language/Spanish:	Emotion:
4th-8th	**Safety Town**	D	4	Circle	Green	Four	Excited
11th-15th	**Pumpkins**	E	5	Heart	Blue	Five	Hurt
18th-22nd	**Creepy Crawly Bugs**	F	6	Oval	Purple	Six	Silly
25th-29th	**Halloween Fun**	G	7	Star	Pink	Seven	Tired

Preschool

Date:	Theme:	Letter:	Number:	Shape:	Color:	Sign Language/Spanish:	Emotion:
4th-8th	**Safety Town**	D	4	Circle	Green	Four	Excited
11th-15th	**Pumpkins**	E	5	Heart	Blue	Five	Hurt
18th-22nd	**Creepy Crawly Bugs**	F	6	Oval	Purple	Six	Silly
25th-29th	**Halloween Fun**	G	7	Star	Pink	Seven	Tired

Young Pre-K/ Pre-K

Date:	Theme:	Letter:	Number:	Shape:	Color:	Sign Lang./Spanish:	Emotion:	Sight Word:
4th-8th	**Safety Town**	D	4	Circle	Green	Four	Excited	and
11th-15th	**Pumpkins**	E	5	Heart	Blue	Five	Hurt	the
18th-22nd	**Creepy Crawly Bugs**	F	6	Oval	Purple	Six	Silly	a
25th-29th	**Halloween Fun**	G	7	Star	Pink	Seven	Tired	I

Lunch Menu

IXL Learning Center eats

October 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Grilled Cheese Corn Fruit
4 Chicken Sticks Green Beans Fruit	5 Chef's Choice Veggie Fruit	6 Beef, Bean & Cheese Burritos Carrots Fruit	7 Chicken & Dumplings Broccoli Fruit	8 Waffles Yogurt Fruit
11 Chicken Nuggets Mixed Veggies Fruit	12 Hot Dog w/Bun Peas Fruit	13 Macaroni & Cheese Cauliflower Fruit	14 Vegetable Soup Biscuit Fruit	15 Lasagna Peas Fruit
18 Chicken Quesadillas Corn Fruit	19 Soy Butter & Jelly Sandwiches Green Beans Fruit	20 Grilled Chicken Nuggets Carrots Fruit	21 Tacos Broccoli Fruit	22 Spaghetti Cauliflower Fruit
25 Mini Pancakes Sausage Fruit	26 Sloppy Joes Mixed Veggies Fruit	27 Ham & Cheese Bagels Peas Fruit	28 Pizza Sticks Corn Fruit	29 Ravioli Green Beans Fruit

Please Note

Due to a variety of food product shortages, we may have to substitute one or more items from our lunch menu on occasion. We will adjust on your child's Tadpoles Daily Report if this occurs.

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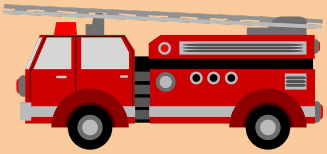
Fire Prevention Week



The week of October 3rd-9th is National Fire Prevention Week. Each year, IXL recognizes this national week with a Safety Town weekly theme. During this week, our classrooms learn about overall safety, but also focus on fire safety. The children will learn lots of fire safety tips and techniques throughout the week!

LifeTouch Picture Day

LifeTouch picture day is **October 25th & 26th**. This year, if you would like to have your child's picture taken, please fill out the LifeTouch Picture Day Form that will be sent via Tadpoles in the coming weeks. If you do not fill out this form, your child will not be photographed this year. Since some children may opt out of being photographed this year, class composites will not be available to order.

Halloween Party Plans

Our classrooms will be having their Halloween parties on Thursday, October 28th. More details will be sent via Tadpoles as the date approaches.

Label, Label, Label

Please remember that it is important to label all of your child's belongings. This includes all sippy cups, baby bottles, water bottles, clothing, bedding, masks, etc. Please label each item with your child's first and last name.

IXL Quick Links:

Click on the icons below to access these links.

IXL Website

Parent Request Forms

Lunch Menu

Monthly Supplies

Please drop off your supplies to the supply shelf located near the front door by the end of each month or a monthly supply fee will be charged to your account.

All families:
1 roll of paper towel & 1 package of unscented baby wipes

Scholastic Book Orders

We are excited to offer our families Scholastic Books! You can choose to have your books shipped to your home or delivered to IXL with our class order.

With a $25 order, you can pick a FREE $5 Book (use code: READS).

Scholastic Book Club Website:
clubs.scholastic.com
Class code: **WLTRX**
Order Due Date: **10/8/21**

All orders also earn FREE books for our center.
Thank you for your support!

REMINDER

Per the Oakland County Health Division emergency health order currently in effect, all parents/guardians, teachers and children over the age of 4 years old **must wear a mask** while inside IXL's building.