

curriculum info for: **october****People Who Help & Night Creatures**

The people who work and live in our community are important. The children will learn about community helpers, explore their own neighborhoods, and learn what it means to belong to a community. They'll also learn what it means to be a responsible citizen by making their communities better. Experience the goodness that comes from listening to others and helping people. Fire Prevention Week will also be covered.

Some animals are busy at night while the rest of the world sleeps. Bats, owls, raccoons, and cats are just a few of the nocturnal creatures featured in this fun fall theme.

Continue at Home

How can you continue at home what is being experienced during school?

- ▶ Prepare an escape route for your family. Plan to meet in a designated area away from your home. Practice your fire drills occasionally throughout the year.
- ▶ Designate reasonable jobs for your child to do at home, such as sweeping the floor, setting the table, or putting toys away. Away from home, encourage your child to clean up trash left behind by others and to hold a door open for someone. Your child will learn that it feels good to be helpful.
- ▶ Name animals living in your area and discuss if they are nocturnal. If your family has pets, discuss if they are nocturnal also. What animal sounds do you hear at night? Imitate those sounds.
- ▶ The next time your child is engaged in pretend play, appreciate the moment! Valuable learning is taking place when a child is rocking a doll to sleep or pretending to be a space alien. Imaginary play helps sharpen social skills, builds memory, develops creativity, and provides an outlet for stress.

October Areas of Focus**Letters**

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Shape & Color**Nursery Rhyme**

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**Numbers**

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Nature Room**Book Suggestions**

[A Day in the Life of a Dentist](#) by Heather Adamson
[My Neighborhood](#) by Lisa Bullard
[We Need Police Officers](#) by Lola Schaefer
[Trashy Town](#) by Andrea Zimmerman
[Stellaluna](#) by Janell Cannon
[Where Are the Night Animals?](#) by Mary Ann Fraser
[Nighttime](#) by Alastair Smith
[Nocturnal Animals](#) by John Bonnett Wexo

Everyday Spanish

Nurse – Enfermera
 Doctor – Médico
 Teacher – Profesor
 Postman – Cartero

