

CLASSROOM NEWS

Firefly Room – We are working on learning the alphabet with a new letter each week.

Green Room – We are learning about Johnny Appleseed and how he planted apples across the United States. We are also learning about the states and something memorable about each state.

Purple Room – We have welcomed new children and our transitioning to a new teacher. We are learning how to deal with change.

Rainbow Room – We are learning our letters. We are also learning about fall things, like leaves, pumpkins, and grapes.

Dragonfly Room – We are working on a new shape, number, color, and letter every two weeks. For the letter A and the color pink, we worked with apples and red and white paint to make pink apple prints.

Butterfly Room – We have enjoyed the sensory activities and playing with cooked spaghetti, jello, and play-doh.

Blue Room – We have been painting and feeling different textured clothes.

Yellow Room (School Age Program) – We have been doing various fall projects with leaves, pumpkins, and apples.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Cold Weather Is Coming** – Please make sure your child has the appropriate outside clothing as we are still going to be going outside unless it is raining or extremely cold. They will need a jacket, hat, mittens, snow pants and boots. They will also need there extra clothes changed in their classroom.

- **Just a Reminder about Our New Policy** - Snow Closings: In order to better serve you, we will try to be open whenever possible and will be making our own decisions about whether or not to close. You can assume we will be open unless you receive a text message or email notifying you that we will be closed. We will also send messages if we decide to open late or close early. To avoid problems please be sure your “Spam” folder in your email program will accept mail from downtownithaca607@gmail.com.

- **Halloween Parade** - We will be having a Halloween Parade on Friday, October 31st. The classrooms will be getting the children in their costumes between 10:00-10:30. We will be leaving around 10:30. The center will walk to the Hancock Plaza (DMV plaza) and stopping at a couple of stores there. The whole center is planning on marching in the parade. The baby rooms will use the strollers to march in the parade. If you would like to help in your child's classroom, please talk to the classroom teachers.

Upcoming Events – October

20	Board Meeting from 5:30-730 pm at DICC
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Toy Story Veggie Pizza Planets



In the movie Toy Story, “Pizza Planet” is Andy’s favorite restaurant. What kid doesn’t love pizza? These little veggie pizzas are a hit with moms and kids alike.

PREP TIME 15 min

COOK TIME 15 min

What You’ll Need

Flour, for your work surface

Store-bought pizza dough (approximately 14 oz.)

1/4 cup part-skim ricotta cheese

1/4 cup pesto, store-bought, or from your favorite recipe

1/4 cup cooked broccoli florets, chopped

1 cup shredded, part-skim mozzarella cheese

Grated Parmesan cheese

Pizza sauce, for dipping (optional)

How To Make It

1. Place dough on a lightly floured surface and roll, or stretch, into a rectangle about 1/4" thick.
2. In a small bowl combine ricotta and pesto.
3. Spread the ricotta-pesto mixture over the surface of the dough and sprinkle with the cooked, chopped, broccoli florets. Top with shredded mozzarella. This is a great job for kids.
4. Roll the dough lengthwise, into a log.
5. Cut your pizza log into 1" rolls. Kitchen shears work best for this.
6. Place cut rolls 2" apart on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Sprinkle the tops with grated Parmesan cheese. Bake at 425 degrees for 12 - 15 minutes, or until the cheese is melted and the dough is lightly browned.