

TAKING CARE OF OUR OWN

your ticket to fall fun!

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Be prepared for learning this fall with the routine of school mornings and steady bedtimes! Be sure to enjoy meeting new teachers and old friends, and check out our website at www.tpcu.on.ca/tykes.php for lots of good information, too!

HALLOWE'EN HISTORY

Beginning centuries ago, ancient worshippers would celebrate the changing of seasons and the success of the harvest at the end of October every year. They would honour any people that had died in the year as well. Because everyone was very superstitious, they used to think that dressing up as animals at these celebrations would scare away any evil spirits, so over time, dressing up in costumes at the end of October and having a big feast became a tradition. November 1st was known as "All Hallows Day" so the night before was "All Hallows Eve" which changed to Hallows Evening, and eventually Hallowe'en. Check our website to find out how jack-o-lanterns got started and more!



A mature attitude and ability to make good decisions are just part of the reasons your parents may consider leaving you home alone the next time they go out. There is no magic age that makes it automatically okay. Every child is different. A 12-year-old up the street may be able to stay at home unsupervised, but next door, the 13-year-old isn't ready yet. There is a mixture needed of parent trust and child learning, parent comfort and child safety before you can take those first steps to going without a babysitter. Explore all the info on our website and you'll be able to work with your parents to decide if the time is right for you.

Staying Home Alone



JOKE CORNER back to laughs



Mom: What did you learn at school today?

Child: Not enough, I have to go back tomorrow.

When is it bad luck to meet a black cat? When you're a mouse.

Why was the turkey the drummer in the band? Because he had the drumsticks.

Fill in the blanks and then rearrange the underlined letters to spell the secret word!

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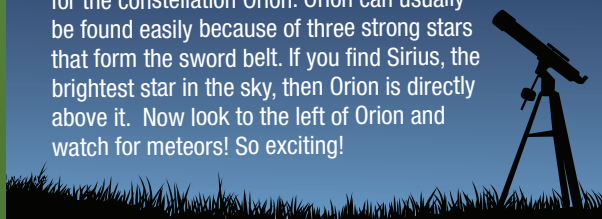
Visit our website for answers, more jokes, recipes and a great fall craft!

It can be hard saying goodbye to friends you played with all summer long! Maybe you met at camp, the park or beach and really had lots of fun together! Stay close to summer friends! Using a computer for e-mails or personal sites like Facebook can make it easier. You can also write letters back and forth to your friends or use a cellphone to text all your news. Why not call them on the phone? Parents can help a lot too, so ask them to arrange weekend get-togethers. There are lots of ways to make sure summer-time friends become all-the-time friends!



Wake Me When the Shower Starts

You may want to ask your parents for a special middle of the night wake-up call on October 20, 21 or 22! When Earth passes through dust released by Halley's Comet, it sends out a shower of meteors known as the Orionids, and there are up to 20 meteors an hour on those nights! At around 1:00 a.m. with east on your left and southeast on your right, look to the sky for the constellation Orion. Orion can usually be found easily because of three strong stars that form the sword belt. If you find Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, then Orion is directly above it. Now look to the left of Orion and watch for meteors! So exciting!



Have Some Spirit! When everyone at school joins in for fun activities, it makes all students feel like part of a big team. Ask your school council or principal to try out some of these fun school spirit boosters!

- crazy hat day
- class cheer writing contest
- wacky hair day
- backwards clothing day
- student teacher day/class
- collect food that weighs more than the office staff
- pet photo contest
- classroom door decorating
- guess the teacher from close-up photos of body parts (e.g. an eye)
- lunchtime kilometre club – run every day, keep track, and win prizes!