



Discovery Zone Gazette

Gobble Gobble to Infant Town!

The month of November the Infants started with a theme of "families." To focus on the children's literacy we read the book I Love You So Much and sung songs such as "I Love You, You Love Me."

Parents also got involved by bringing in family pictures (FYI- if you have not done so yet please feel free we will be using them throughout the upcoming holidays.) The infants used their cognitive skills by finding their family pictures and practiced identifying each family picture. Vocabulary was introduced by identifying the familial relations in each picture. The older infants also enjoyed sticking them on and taking them off the refrigerator which is helping them practice their physical and motor development.

Next, the children learned about cornucopias. For a project the children got to finger-paint a cornucopia and then stamp palm



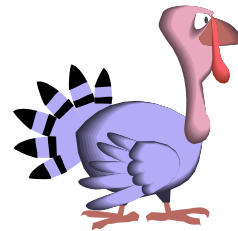
used their social and emotional skills by hiding and finding the fruit in the cornucopia which the older infants really enjoyed. Finally, for their physical development the older infants got to roll fruit inside the cornucopia while the younger infants practiced their reaching skills.

A Thanksgiving theme came next which all the families got to enjoy. The class read many books such as Thanksgiving Is For Giving Thanks and My First Thanksgiving. The children enjoyed songs like, "A Healthful Feast" which many of them expressed their emotional response through singing or listening. For their cognitive development they made centerpieces for the Thanksgiving family feast which everyone enjoyed!

prints inside to make fruit, etc. Next the Infants

Thank you again for all the families who participated!

Last but not least, the Infant Room learned about turkeys. The children practiced their physical development and motor skills by imitating a turkey either by walking like one or by making turkey hand noises. They also used their cognitive development by painting a colorful turkey hand



print. Language skills were built as the children listened to the "Mr. Turkey" song and many books including This Is The Turkey.

During the month of December the Infant class will learn about Hanukkah, stockings, Santa/Reindeer, Christmas and New Years. It will be a very busy month so keep your eyes open!

Happy birthday Liana who will celebrate her first birthday on December 10th!

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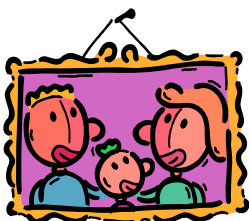
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Important Dates:

- 12/11 Free Holiday Shopping Care
- 12/16-Special at 11-Ventriloquist
- CLOSED- 12/24,12/27,12/30, 12/31

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Preschool B is Thankful!

The first week of November Preschool B learned about Fall/Autumn. First they gathered leaves and pinecones and then they made leaf wreaths and pinecone art to work on their fine motor skills.

The second week of November, the children worked on a Harvest theme where they made ears of corn and baskets of apples. They worked on their number and counting skills with pumpkins and pumpkin seeds. They



enjoyed eating the pumpkin seeds too! The children also enjoyed reading the book, There was an Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything.

During the third week, the children learned about Native Americans and Pilgrims. They worked on their social and communication skills when learning a new song, "Thanksgiving is Here." The children used their fine motor skills to cut and glue canoes and teepees. They also did some weaving to enhance fine motor skills.

The week of Thanksgiving Preschool B learned about the 1st Thanksgiving.



They enjoyed reading A Pumpkin and Perkey Turkey and working on their fine motor skills when they created different types of turkeys.

Thank you to all the families who came to enjoy our feast!

We would like to wish Khanur and Amy very Happy Birthdays!

Preschool A Heads to Outer Space

During the month of November Preschool A learned many exciting things! The first theme was Outer Space, followed by Turkeys, Pilgrims/Native Americans, Thanksgiving, and Hibernation to finish out the month.

To start off the month Preschool A went into outer space. The children made constellations by using star stickers and crayons to connect the dots. The children also created beautiful sparkly rocket ships to practice fine motor skills and following directions. To work on some math skills, Preschoolers played a rocket ship counting game. A favorite activity was astronaut exercises where the children used their gross motor skills.

Next, Preschool A moved onto a theme about turkeys. The children created many different kinds of turkeys. They used a variety of materials such as, popcorn, toilet paper tubes, coffee filters, and paint. Their favorite turkey to make was the popcorn turkey, because they got to observe the changes as pow-



der paint was added to the popcorn. To practice shape recognition, the children created pattern block turkeys in the puzzle center.

For the following week, Preschool A learned about Pilgrims and Native Americans. The children



created seeded place mats using a variety of beans, and encouraged them to write their names. To practice recognizing and identifying letters, the children made pilgrim hats. They created the actual hat, and then found the letters to spell their own names. Math and cooperation skills were used as they made yummy pumpkin fluff dessert for the feast. The class also learned lots of poems and finger plays.

For the short holiday week, the theme was Thanksgiving. To enhance language skills the children created thankful wreaths. They used their handprints to make a "leaf" and then each preschooler was asked what they were thankful for. They are hung for all to see above the cubbies. To practice using scissors the children made cornucopias. The pro-

ject the children enjoyed the most was the apple turkeys. Each child made their own edible turkey using an apple, toothpicks, colored marshmallows, 2 raisins and 1 strawberry gummy. Pictures will be up soon! To end the month of November, Preschoolers focused on cold weather with a hibernation theme. Which of course includes everyone's favorite day, PJ DAY! The class made warm winter dens to practice fine motor skills for the bears to live in. To use imaginations and some creativity the children drew pictures of a dream they had or would like to have. While working together the children had to find the bear scavenger hunt. Everyone enjoyed finding the clues and trying to figure them out so we could find the missing bear. To use sensory skills the children got to play with plastic animals in a bucket of flour. They were encouraged to make the animals walk, and observe the prints. In the month of December, Preschool A will learn about winter animals, holiday crafts, and holidays around the world. Happy birthday to Rylan!



Toddlers Toss Up their Fruits and Veggies

For the month of November the Toddlers had some exciting weeks leading up to the Thanksgiving Feast. The class started the month off talking about scarecrows and owls. The children used their fine motor skills to put together pieces to make owls and scarecrows. They worked together to find all the hidden scarecrows in the sensory table and worked on following 2 step directions when they had to glue pieces on a paper plate to make an owl. For language development, the poem "Little Owl" was introduced



For the second week of November, the Toddlers talked about hibernation. They again worked together to find all the bears hibernating around the

classroom and put them back into their cave. The children worked on 2 step directions as they glued ladybugs onto logs, leaves and rocks to help them get ready to hibernate. For language development the class sang, "Where is Bear?" The children had so much fun on PJ Day.

The week of the Thanksgiving Feast Toddlers had many things to prepare. The children used math and science skills to make mini cheesecakes that were shared with families. Toddlers worked on fine motor skills by decorating pilgrim hats for centerpieces. They also had some gross motor fun by having a fruit and vegetable toss with plastic food. Lastly the children worked fine motor skills and



colored in fruits and vegetables and then glued them onto a cornucopia.

For the last week of November, the Toddlers talked about Turkeys. They painted with turkey feathers and matched turkey feathers to the number of dots on a turkey. The children took turns and played pin the feather on the turkey. They also had some gross motor fun by strutting around like a turkey.



Happy Birthday to Jenna and Connor!

For the month of December the Toddler Class will talk about Hannukah, Snow, Christmas and New Years.

Kindergarten

The first week of November the Kindergarteners did a theme on Scarecrows. To exercise non-measurement skills, the children worked together to name a scarecrow, using rhyming words. Each child got to make their own scarecrow face and body, using real fabric pieces for the clothing. Lastly, they practiced their writing skills by telling and writing what they would do if they were a scarecrow.



During the second week, the kindergarten class learned all about family. To strengthen their social skills, as well as making connections, the class did an "around the house" activity. The children collected items found in their houses and talked about who uses them. With the pictures and notes that you sent in with

your child, we got to talk about how people get their names and each person in their family. The children loved making "Beautiful Me Bookmarks." Using stickers, glitter and letters, each child made a bookmark to keep forever. The kindergarteners ended the week by making a family toast. This consisted of cutting cinnamon raisin bread into the shape of a house, spreading it with cream cheese, and counting out teddy grahams for each person in their family.

The third week, the book The Little Red Hen by Paul Galdone was read all week long as a literary activity. Using the story, the class did activities such as "Who Will Help?" Which focused on high frequency words in the story. From cake to wheat, helped them to practice sequencing events with how the hen made the cake. To practice

writing skills, they made their own "Who Will Help?" pictures. For the last activity of the week the children practiced story re-tell by using a bag of props.

To celebrate Thanksgiving, the kindergarteners started the week off with "Thankful Thoughts," practicing social skills by telling each other what they are thankful for. Learning about the Mayflower and Pilgrims the children practiced sorting skills with the game "What Did the Pilgrims Pack?" Kindergarteners also worked on their fine motor skills while making cornucopias.

In December they will learn about shapes with math, another literary activity and all of the winter holidays!



Center News

- Please remember to change out your child's extra clothes in their cubbies- the weather is changing!
- Please remember to label your children's items.
- Thank you for your Pie/Cookie orders!
- *Reminder - close all gates and doors behind you so that the children can stay safe!*
- Please make the center aware when your child will be out or late for the day!
- Reminder- tuition is due by Wednesday 8 am of the week of care to avoid a \$20 late fee.
- Thank you to all of the families for coming to our Thanksgiving Feast. We hope you enjoyed! The can good will be donated soon!



