



Room 3
November Newsletter
Ms. Sharon and Ms. Dina

I can't believe it's November already! Time is just whizzing by! There are a lot of things to look forward to in our classroom.

The theme for November is of course, Thanksgiving. The children will be learning about the first Thanksgiving. We will learn about the original Thanksgiving feast with the Pilgrims and Native Americans and the food they ate. We will be doing arts and crafts of colorful turkeys, Pilgrim girls and boys in different art techniques. We will also reflect on the things we are most thankful for, like our family and friends. Additional themes of Harvest, Fruits and Vegetables, as well as Veteran's Day will be learned.

The book entitled Turkey Trouble by Wendi Silvano is about a turkey who is afraid to be eaten for Thanksgiving and thinks of different ways to disguise himself as a different animal to avoid getting eaten. A Disguise Your Turkey activity will be sent home as a fun family project to work on with your child. Be as creative and fun as you want! More information including samples will be sent home soon.

This past month, the children have been working on the letters C, D, E and F. For the month of November, we will be learning about G, H and I. We will work on our folders with art activities that feature goldfish, gum, hedgehog, house, inchworm and inch. Books, songs, poems will be used as springboard for the introduction of these letters. Various activities and materials will also be used for letter recognition such as the use of play doh, sand, sticks to make letters to reinforce letter recognition. We have been using various multi-sensory activities for review of the letters - puzzles, building the letters with sticks and play doh, writing on sand, to name a few. We will be doing a review of the letters they have learned (A-I) after Thanksgiving.

The shapes square and rectangle will be introduced this month. We will be using sticks, blocks, magna tiles, feathers, beads and other various manipulative to make these shapes. The children will continue learning about the numbers 7, 8 and 9, and the colors of the month are brown and yellow..

The children will also learn about All Soul's and All Saints' Day. We continue to review the sign of the cross and learn about Hail Mary and The Lord's Prayer. Thanksgiving, God's Gift of Water and God's Gift of the Earth and Plants will also be discovered.

For this month, we will be focusing on listening and comprehension skills, following one, two and three step direction. This would also be a great opportunity to review the classroom routines, and the order of what they do next. The children will also be learning to arrange things in size order - big to small and small to big.

We will also be learning about different community helpers - farmer, first responders, grocer, military, soldier and veterans and the role they play in our community to keep us safe and comfortable.

We have been utilizing our time with various fun activities for learning, but the children are also learning how to be good citizens and how to be a good friend.

Important dates to remember for November:

Nov 5 (Tuesday)	Superintendent's Conference Day NO SCHOOL (the teachers will have a conference that day)
Nov 6 (Wednesday)	PICTURE DAY!!!
Nov 7 (Thursday)	PTA Meeting 9:00am
Nov 11 (Monday)	Veterans Day NO SCHOOL
Nov 26 (Thursday)	Thanksgiving Festival
Nov 27 (Wednesday)	Thanksgiving Recess Begins
Nov 28 (Thursday)	Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov 28-Dec 1	Thanksgiving recess

Happy Thanksgiving!

