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*A Newsletter for Families
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Dear Parents,

We are excited to be entering the holiday season! We have some super exciting activities planned for our little legacies! This month we will be promoting literacy skills, going on turkey hunts, sharing our favorite foods and colors, learning healthy eating habits, using good manners, and expanding our knowledge about healthy foods while using good manners!

Please send your child in weather appropriate clothing as the season begins to change and the temperature begins to drop! Also, please send your child in a warm jacket for outside time.

It is time for our Annual Food Drive! We are collecting canned foods and dry goods! Thank you in advance for your support!

Please join us on Friday November 18th for our Thanksgiving Parade at 10:30!

GA Pre- K Thanksgiving Break will be November 21st-November 25th, 2022!

In observance of Thanksgiving Day, we will be closed on Thursday, November 24th, and Friday, November 25th, 2022! We will resume normal business hours on Monday November 28th, 2022!

We hope that everyone has a Happy Fun-Filled Holiday!!!

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Let's Celebrate

Veteran's Day
Friday, November 11th



Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 24th

November Class Themes of the Month



Dreamers ~ Theme: Pat-a-Cake Babies

Our babies will continue learning seasonal and traditional rhymes and songs. This month, in order to promote literacy skills, the babies (with a lot of teacher help) will make Pat-a-Cake books. Visit our Baby Circle Time and learn to play pat-a-cake with your baby!



Travelers ~ Theme: Does That Taste Good?

Our toddlers will participate in a turkey hunt, talk about and experience patterns and textures, as well as learn to sing and dance the Turkey Pokey. Key elements of your child's development such as listening skills will continue to be strengthened, in addition to fine and gross motor skills. Art, music, stories and play all round out an exciting month!



Adventurers ~ Theme: A Few of My Favorite Things

Our wonderful toddlers will be making Favorite Things Books, Favorite Colors and Food Graphs, and even making porridge! They will learn about Thanksgiving traditions and get new Indian names. Some small group activities will be conducted in different centers of the classroom to provide opportunities to look at materials and equipment, where things "live" and their functions.



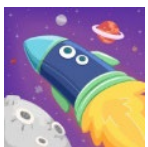
Discoverers ~ Theme: From Soup to Nuts

This month we s-t-r-e-t-c-h our imaginations, learning about healthy foods and manners while having fun with language and experiencing great art, music and readiness activities! Rainbow Stew and Sneaker Soup? We will continue to enjoy finger plays, poems, rhymes and songs. And don't forget art, movement and plenty of fun.



Voyagers ~ Theme: Thingumajigs

Children will be making turkey handprints, planning a Thanksgiving feast, continuing to learn about fall, and learning about good nutrition and manners. They will read a humorous book about manners, appropriately enough, called, Thingumajigs. Rhymes, fingerplays, songs and lots of fun activities will round out this month.



Explorers ~ Theme: Food for Thought

Our school age students will continue to learn in our glorious classrooms and hone in on the skills that really matter. How about nutritious food, the manners that go along with eating healthfully and heart healthy habits? We have it ALL!!

November

Dreamers



Math- This month, children will begin to build a foundation of one-to-one correspondence while counting turkeys. They will work on shape recognition as they play shape peek-a-boo!

Science- Dreamers will learn that turkeys are birds and they will learn about food and what “yummy” food means.

Social Studies- November's lessons will focus on taking care of a baby and being gentle with a baby. Dreamers will also learn about “Please” and “Thank You.”

Travelers

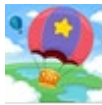


Math- Jr. Toddlers will be exposed to and explore circle patterns. They will also explore the colors of food and what colors they might see at Thanksgiving dinner!

Science- Travelers will explore how animals get around and whether they walk. They will also learn all about their eyes and what purpose they serve.

Social Studies- Jr. Toddlers will get a chance to practice Thanksgiving dinner and what manners they should use. They will also get a chance to go to the “grocery store” to help prepare Thanksgiving dinner.

Adventurers

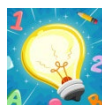


Math- Adventurers will strengthen their one-to-one correspondence this month by counting turkey feathers! They will get a chance to match corresponding numbers with pictures and work on differentiating between sizes.

Science- Sr. Toddlers will learn the importance of clean teeth as well as all about squirrels!

Social Studies- Adventurers will learn about the very first Thanksgiving and get to act as a character from the first Thanksgiving. They will also learn about the importance of keeping their classroom environment clean.

Discoverers

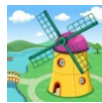


Math- This month, three-year olds will strengthen their counting skills with a blueberry muffin activity. They will also strengthen their pattern naming and recognition.

Science- Discoverers will explore what germs are and what they do if they aren't cleaned up. They will also discover what common foods look like on the inside compared to the outside.

Social Studies- Threes will learn about traffic signs and about how different cultures celebrate Thanksgiving.

Voyagers



Math- Voyagers will strengthen their shape and number identification through BINGO. They will also work on their counting skills by counting feathers on turkeys.

Science- Four-year olds will learn about what healthy food is and why it is so important for our bodies. We will build on our health theme by learning about exercise and why it's an important part of a healthy lifestyle! Ask your child what activity they like to do for exercise!

Social Studies- This month, Voyagers will learn about different Native American homes and they will get a chance to make a model of one. They will also learn about the sail to Plymouth and the first days of the Pilgrims arrival at Plymouth.

Raising a Thankful Child



As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, we may find ourselves reflecting more on how to raise a thankful child. At first glance, parents might think about how to teach the social scripts of thank you. Should a 2-year-old be forced to say thank you to Grandma for a gift? Should a 4-year-old sign a thank you card for a birthday present? Should a 6-year-old show appreciation for a large helping of spinach and cranberry sauce on his or her Thanksgiving plate?

Parents often have the best intentions of raising a thankful child as part of their parental job descriptions. We tend to use the social graces of please and thank you as one index of raising a “good kid.” Indeed, manners such as these are important for getting along and working together with others in our society. Even young children can be taught to say please and thank you. Giving them prompts (“What do you say?”), withholding the requested item (“You can’t have the cookie unless I hear the magic words”), and modeling (“Could you please pass the juice?”) are ways to encourage learning these manners. But is learning to say thank you the same as being thankful?

Think about something in the past year for which you are thankful. Is it a person, place, or thing? An event? A state of being? Did you say thank you? How did you express your gratitude? Did it feel sincere or more like satisfying a social grace?

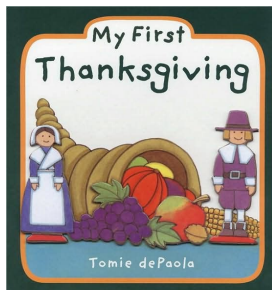
The development of morality is marked in part by the emergence of the moral emotions such as shame, pride, guilt, embarrassment, and empathy. As these emotions develop, they allow children to feel a response in relationship to their own actions towards others. The emotional feedback contributes to that sense of sincerity. The problem in learning scripts for manners for a child too young or separated from meaning is that children satisfy the social grace without experiencing the emotional response or acting upon their own intent.

Teaching manners is an art of modeling, but not always the making of meaning. Raising thankful children is a fine art of helping them make their own meaning. Children express some sense of thankfulness and desire to be appreciated all the time. It is our role as parents to model appreciation and reflect those genuine feelings back to the child. With a warm smile and a sincere voice, we can say “Thank you for my beautiful card. I can tell you worked hard on it. You used so many different colors! It makes me feel really good and happy inside.”

Thankfulness also emerges from children raised with the Golden Rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Like adults, children need to be exposed to genuine appreciation and to feel appreciated.

10 tips for raising grateful kids. Child Mind Institute. (2021, September 9). Retrieved October 18, 2022, from <https://childmind.org/article/10-tips-raising-grateful-kids/>

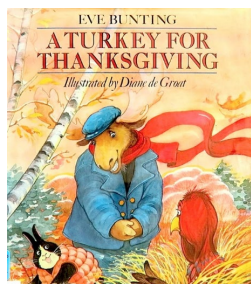
November Books



My First Thanksgiving
By: Tomie DePaola



The Best Thanksgiving Ever!
By: Teddy Slater



A Turkey for Thanksgiving
By: Eve Bunting

Leaf Sensory Bags

Supplies

Sealable bags
Cooking oil
Liquid water colors or
food coloring
Leaves
Glitter
Sequins



Adult Supervision Required

Directions

1. Take a nature walk to collect leaves. This is a great opportunity to talk about the changes we see in nature during autumn. Ask your child open-ended questions ("what do you notice happening to the leaves and trees?", "Tell me what you hear, see, feel, etc.")
2. Once the leaves are collected and materials gathered, pour cooking oil into the sealable bag (make sure you are using a strong bag to avoid leaking). Put enough oil in the bag so the leaves can easily glide along inside the bag.
3. In a small bowl, mix a few teaspoons of water with a few drops of liquid water color or food coloring. Make as many colors as you wish.
4. Gently pour the colored water into the oil in starts and stops or let your child use an eye dropper to insert the colored water into the oil in droplets.
5. Place any other items of sensory interest you like such as glitter, sequins, etc. into the bag.
6. Seal the bag expelling any air as you go. You may want to consider double sealing the bag with tape to avoid leaks.

Activity and Photo from: <https://kidscraftroom.com/leaf-sensory-bags/>