



Village News

November, 2009

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It's getting cold outside

Please bring warm clothes for your little ones in this cooler weather.

Also, it's time to talk about inclement weather.. For delays and closings.. parents can call the Village phone for a recording, check our website or watch NEWS channel 13.

GREAT NEWS

For Outdoor Enthusiasts

Creative Village has been selected for an outdoor learning environment sponsored by **Smart Start**. We begin a three month training in January for the development of a special outdoor project for our Villagers. One of the ideas would include Smart Start helping us to build and utilize an outdoor stage for all of our **Very Creative Ones!**

Reminder for Turning Point Dance Class



Any parents interested in this wonderful opportunity for creative dance lessons at the Village, please sign up your little ones soon. We need eight little dancers to partake in a once weekly class to start in January. Any Villager 2 years, 10 months and older can participate. Prices are located on the Village bulletin board.

Welcome to Kim Tulloss -Smith to our Infant & Toddler rooms! She will be working at the Village 3 days a week - she is wonderful with our little Villagers!

Families In Need -Ms. Cassidy is helping us to develop and organize our families-in-need program. Our villagers will be able to buy small gifts for a few designated families over the Holidays, in order to help some less fortunate than ourselves.

Teacher News

Sea room - Infants

Hello parents! We hope you are enjoying the nice Fall weather. We are enjoying the Fall weather and doing everything we can to stay healthy! We would like to welcome Alex and Kendan to our Sea room! We are very happy to have them here. Our babies are doing great! We rearranged the room and feel that everyone is really enjoying it. We are working with every child individually on goals and you are more than welcome to talk to us about them. Please feel free to look at our **Activity Plan posted** in our room for this month for more information as well. Thanks to all of the parents for helping us with our diaper bag space. It is really helpful! Enjoy a beautiful month of November and Happy Thanksgiving!

Petra and Anna

Farm Room - Toddlers

The farm room is getting ready for the holiday season. We have a lot of great art projects for the month of November from **turkey hand prints to painting with corn**. So keep an eye out for all of the changing decor. Also check out our sensory garden. It's growing as fast as our toddlers are! Make sure you have plenty of extra clothes in your child's cubby (especially for our crawlers). We also want to welcome Tait and Delilah to our expanding classroom. We love our parents; thanks for being great.

Trisha and Lael

Space Room - Two's

November is a special month! We have a lot of fun things happening. We will continue learning our numbers, letters, shapes, and colors. We will also be talking about Thanksgiving, families, and those fun gobblers that we all love. We are very excited about Tristian joining our class. Parents please remember to check you child's cubby, folder, and the **parent board** for any new announcements. I am getting all of the assessments completed now so I will be **scheduling parent/teacher conferences** soon. We hope you have a happy month

and feel free to talk to me or Ms. Brandi about any questions.

Ashely and Brandi

Jungle Room - Preschool

November will be an exciting month for the preschool! We will continue to focus on a different letter each week, along with practicing days of the week and twelve months of the year. Our themes for November will include a science week, families, and Thanksgiving. **The story teller, Ms. Suzanne**, will continue her weekly visits, bringing her always exciting books and songs. **Yoga day** has been a big hit and we will continue our Yoga Fridays through November. Pajama day was a lot of fun and we plan on holding P.J. day once a month, rotating each day so everyone can participate. A reminder will be sent out a week in advance, so check cubbies for updates. **Riverlink** will be visiting **November 17** for an Enviroscape presentation during our science week. We are very excited about the upcoming weeks and we wish you a Happy November!

Tara and Carla

Additional Reminders.....

Hand sanitizer With the flu season upon us, please feel free to bring in hand sanitizer for your child to use on the playground. If you do choose to bring in sanitizer be sure to fill out a blanket permission slip form and label the bottle. Hand sanitizer will be used on the playground only.

Medication reminder If you choose to bring in medication for your child (other than sun block, diaper rash cream, and hand sanitizer) you will need to fill out a medication authorization form. This form will need to be filled out completely with specific details. Times medication is to be given must be more specific than "as needed". We will need exact times to give the medicine. Also, if the medication is prescription we will need to have the prescription label. If the medication does not specify the age for the dose, we will need a doctor's note with the exact dose (if the medication says for 6 years and under).

Toy Fundraiser

We will be doing a toy fundraiser with **Discovery Toys** on **Tuesday, November 24th**. This will be a great opportunity for holiday presents! Teachers will also be making wish lists for their classrooms. Fliers will go out at the beginning of the month for more details so keep an eye out for them.

Simple Healthy Snacks for Kids

These great ideas are taken from a WebMD feature by Elizabeth M Ward, MS, RD



Healthy Snacks for On-The-Go Kids

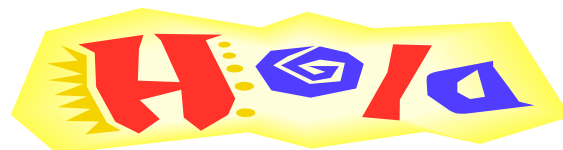
- *A small whole grain muffin & a carton of low fat milk
- *1/4 or 1/2 a sandwich of peanut butter, sunflower butter or almond butter & a carton of 100% orange juice
- *Yogurt and whole grain crackers
- *Sliced hard cooked egg & whole grain crackers
- *Mini bagel spread with hummus & small can of 100% juice
- *Whole grain pretzels and a carton of low fat chocolate milk
- *Snack mix of Cherrios, dried fruit, chopped nuts, sunflower seeds, or roasted soy nuts

If you have to sweeten up, try honey, apple juice or agave syrup instead of sugar.

Recommended Reading

Mapmaking With Children *By David Sobel*

This is a great how-to book on a child's relationship with the natural world and his or her own social community. Developmental ages 5 through 12 are explored in relation to their perception of the important places and people in their world, and a child's perception of where they are in relation to home. Unroll brown paper on the floor and guide a pre-schooler or kindergartener to draw their house, their backyard with their special places or maybe the road from home to school. What goes on the map? How does it all connect? Let your little one's develop their own maps. It doesn't have to be accurate! It's their world! How fun, and how revealing.



First Words: English Spanish *Illustrated by Terry Burton*

This book is filled with large and colorful pictures to accompany each word and it's translation into Spanish. They are very appealing to little ones, and the words are broken down into beginning categories, including *the family, body parts, the park, the garden, food, farm animals, colors and shapes and numbers*. You won't want to give this book back, because it's great for beginning adult Spanish learners too!

Check out these and other books in our parent library.

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