



Village News

October, 2011

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Oh Beautiful



Our teachers & villagers are enjoying the beautiful fall weather & discovering lots of great treasures outside during nature walks on the playgrounds. If you find something fun along your nature hunts at home, feel free to bring it to school to share with the class. We love to see new photos of families having outdoor fun this season, too. Children enjoy observing the changing colors around the mountains & we'll be collecting produce a lot this month.

Some great places to visit in our area include:

Hickory Nut Gap Farm,
<http://www.hickorynutgapfarm.com/index.php>

Stepps Apple Orchard,
<http://steppapples.com> &
"fields of fun" at Eliada Home
<http://www.fieldsoffun.org/Fie>

Find some time for you & your family to enjoy these apple farms, pumpkin patches, and maybe even explore a



soybean
or corn
maze together!



Fun-Filled Fall Festival

Our festival will be held in the morning on

**Monday,
October 31.**

We'll plan some fun games for outdoors &



your child is welcome to come to school in dress up attire.

Remember that all dress up costumes need to be safe for your child to move freely & play outside, and should also be easy for your child to manage during normal potty routines. Please send a change of clothing, too, so everyone can change into

something more comfortable for rest time.

Artful Kids

A recent article in Natural Awakenings magazine by Judith Fertig and Kiki Faust discusses "Artful Kids:



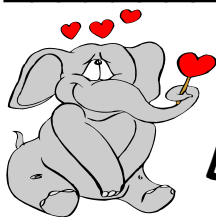
Hands-On Creativity Nurtures Mind, Body and Spirit". They

reference on-going research on

how physical, active expression "lights up" a young child's brain, and helps them to "think, create, reason and express themselves", rather than be a passive learner. Some favorite experiences are making music, dancing to a beat, marching, playing patty cake and tapping out a rhythm with sticks. **Great! We LOVE doing all those things!**

Always More Thanks

Thanks to everyone for staying on top of hand washing at school. It's the #1 way to keep us all healthy... children, teachers, & parents. Great job!



Don't Forget

Monday, Oct. 31- Fall Festival

Teacher Notes



Waddler Room

Dear Families,

Fall is finally here & we're enjoying the cool weather and all that fall has in store. We've been talking about the leaves, fall colors and watching birds in the trees outside. While working on our fall art we'll be using lots of red, green, yellow and brown.

Please switch cubby clothes and bring a jacket or sweater as we are outside every day.

Hope everyone enjoys the wonderful fall and, as always, we are here for you!

Ms Petra and Ms Donna

Toddler Room

Wow! Fall came upon us so fast.

This month we will be celebrating two of our friends' birthdays. Silas turns 2 on the 2nd and Samuel also turns 2 on the 25th!

This month we will be learning about pumpkins, leaves and adding lots of fall décor! We anticipate a chilly month ahead, so please make sure that we have some coats or extra clothes for your child for when we go outside.

We are planning a Fall Festival during the morning of October 31st & children and families are welcome to participate in any way.

One of our art activities this month will be to decorate a small pumpkin so if you would like to bring in a pumpkin for your child it'd be greatly appreciated. Keep your eyes open in our classroom as we continue to put your child's artwork on display and also continue to check their folders for artwork that is ready to be sent home.

This will be an exciting fall for all of us! Thanks,
Ms. Trisha, Ms. Christine & Ms. Krystal

Two's & Three's Room

Happy Fall! We have welcomed some new pets to our classroom: Lola the fish, and 3 hermit crabs (who still need names; see if your child has any ideas to offer the class)! The children are really excited about the new additions and love feeding and taking care of our new pets. Last week we learned all about pets and all of the things we need to do for them to help keep them happy and healthy. Last month we also reviewed our colors and especially enjoyed the project we did to learn how red, yellow, and blue can be mixed together to make new colors.

This month we will spend some time focusing on one of our class's favorite things- music! We will make some instruments, explore different genres of music and, of course, do lots of dancing.

We are also welcoming fall and pumpkin time. We can't wait for our Fall Festival at the end

of the month. We'll send home a letter with more details closer to the event. If you know you will be available, we would love for you to be a part of our celebration! We are looking forward to a fun fall month!

Ms. Cassie and Ms. Gretchen

Pre-School Room

Dear Families

Happy Autumnal Equinox!

During the month of September we have been focusing on exploring our feelings and the importance of friendship. We have learned that we all have many different feelings and that they are all okay to have. We have been using puppets to role play and learn new strategies to get along with our friends. We have been playing cooperative games to understand the importance of working together. We have been working on friendship, feelings, and fall art.

Come check out the room and see all of the beautiful art work! We hope that you all have a wonderful month!

Ms. Kristine, Ms. Tara & Ms. Jessica



AND, Thanks to our part time teachers and wonderful subs who make this all possible, including Denise, Abby, Sharron, Sarah & Cheyenne!



Recommended Reading:

The Quiet Book

By Deborah Underwood

A great little story book to help little ones calm down before bedtime. Cute, gentle plush animals illustrate all kinds of peaceful moments during a child's day and night. Some adorable examples are "Hide and seek" quiet, "Best friends don't need to talk" quiet, and "Bedtime kiss" quiet.



themselves, solving problems. They get security and support from natural things like trees and animals, and they become little heroes by working things out on their own. The author's ideas center around children learning that they can outwit giants and other fears, and that, if you keep trying, rewards and success are often just around the corner. Fairy tales provide heroes that children can learn from, resulting in emotional growth.

Ideas to agree or disagree with!

These and previously recommended books can be found in our parent resource center, or in one of our classrooms!

The Uses of

Enchantment: What Children Learn from Fairy Tales

By Bruno Bettelheim

Bruno Bettelheim was an early child psychologist, whose ideas were controversial at times. But this award winning book, despite being somewhat academic, discusses some interesting ideas about fairy tales and some of the positive impacts they can have on children. In a time when our children are understandably well-protected, young characters in fairy tales are often out in the world by



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