



Important Dates

December 15 & 16

Holiday Parties

Dec. 19 through Jan. 2

PRESCHOOL CLOSED

January 25 & 26

Tentative dates for the
Preschool Circus for 4yr old
3-day & 5-day classes

In November, the classes learned about the traditions of Thanksgiving. They also learned about factual events prior to and including the celebration of the First Thanksgiving. We hope your children came home expressing some of what they learned, as well as sharing with you Thanksgiving songs and rhymes. There were also Fall-related activities and adding pages to their books. In December, all classes are making presents for their family and are singing familiar and new songs and learning Christmas rhymes.



What we did last month ...

The 2 year old class enjoyed a transportation theme. They had fun painting with car wheels, learning different ways of getting to and from places, and being read *Isaac's Ice Cream Truck*. Another theme dealt with the five senses as they explored textures, sights, sounds, smells and taste, and were read *My Five Senses*. For their Thanksgiving feast, they helped make a pudding and each child made a rainstick and a headband to wear. The class also learned about Native Americans and Pilgrims and were read *The Little Pilgrims*.

The 3 year old class's November themes were Thanksgiving, the five senses, and Fall. They heard about Native Americans and the way they dressed, hunted and used animal hides for clothing. They planted corn and used all parts of the corn, including the husks. While making popcorn, all five senses were used—smelled it, saw and hear it pop, tasted it, and touched it. The book *Popcorn Nell* was read, along with *My Five Senses*. Science activities included filling a jar with white vinegar, yellow food coloring, popcorn and baking soda resulting in the popcorn "dancing" in the jar! A game involving smell was also played using cotton balls. Other books read were *Ruby's Falling Leaves*, *We're Going on a Leaf Hunt*, *In November*, and *Seven Blind Mice*. When you come to the preschool, be sure to check out your child's reindeer on the bulletin board near the preschool office. Can you see that the deer is their footprint?!

The 4 year old classes enjoyed their Thanksgiving feast which included popcorn and pumpkin bread that they made and corn muffins and homemade butter. They also made necklaces, headbands and vests to wear that were decorated with Native American symbols. The children learned how Native Americans and Pilgrims worked together to build homes and plant crops. They sang Thanksgiving-themed songs and were read *Thanks for Thanksgiving*, *Pete the Cat*, and *The First Thanksgiving*.

Birthday Celebrations

Two's

Ben—December 26

Three's

[no birthdays]

Four's

McKenzie—December 9

Aubrey—December 17

Caleb—December 23

Tuition Reminders

- November monthly payment is PAST DUE; must be paid by Dec. 15 or 16.
- December payment is due on or before Jan. 3 or 4.
- All payments must be paid ON TIME each month and cannot carry over to the next month.



Severe Weather Alert

If the preschool is closed due to severe weather, the notice will be posted by

7:00 a.m. on: www.WFMZ.com
www.preschoolststephens.org



The preschool staff wishes
you and your family a
Merry Christmas and a happy,
healthy and safe New Year!

