

November News from Miss Cathy and Miss Jean

Discussions about autumn and Halloween, the terrific program all about spiders with Miss Janet, a visit from the Sycamore Fire Department, Picture Day and our Halloween parade and pumpkin hunt made for a busy October. We hope you are enjoying the class book that is making the rounds to everyone's home. Hopefully it will help the children become better acquainted with their classmates. Be sure to check out our windows and boards in the classroom as we change them with the seasons and holidays. (I personally loved our ocean windows this year!) We continue to march through the alphabet with Letter Show and Tell (see calendar for specific letters and days) and we always use math in our daily conversations and activities. Ask your child about 'estimating' (making a good guess); they are getting pretty good at it.

We have had several very good Secret Readers already and we had a sing-along in the morning class with one of our dads and his guitar. Both classes LOVE to sing and are quick studies when it comes to learning our holiday songs. Remember, when reading, you may bring in a book of your choice or read one of the many we have at school.

In November we will talk about harvest time and all the elements of Thanksgiving culminating with our school-wide feast. We will have a sign-up list posted for requests of food items for our feast and thank you in advance for your help. We will be using a fun little sing-along book called, The Pilgrims are Marching, by Carol Greene as we learn about the Pilgrims' voyage on the Mayflower, the American Indians, etc. through the eyes of a young Pilgrim boy named Johnny B.

Special pick up and drop off day is Tuesday, November 1st.

Our class **VIP Night** will be Thursday, November 10th; 6-7 p.m. for the morning class and 7-8 p.m. for the afternoon class. This is an abbreviated version of our school day for your children to share with **one** important person that may not have the opportunity to do so during the day.

On Wednesday, November 16th, we will listen to author Kimberly Brown talk about her book Jungle Music. More information in the Fingerprints newsletter but know that the deadline for the presale of the book is November 3rd.

Here is a fingerplay (similar to Five Little Pumpkins) and a song for November:

Five fat turkeys sitting on a fence,
The first one said, "I'm so immense!"
The second one said, "I can gobble at you."
The third one said, "I can gobble too."
The fourth one said, "I can spread my tail."
The fifth one said, "Don't catch it on a nail."
A farmer came along and stopped to say,
"Turkeys look best on Thanksgiving Day!"

(to Have you ever seen a lassie?)

Oh, I'm glad I'm not a turkey, a turkey, a turkey.
Oh, I'm glad I'm not a turkey on Thanksgiving Day.
They stuff you and bake you and then they all taste you.
Oh, I'm glad I'm not a turkey on Thanksgiving Day.