

November News

Miss Leigh, Miss Alicia, and Miss Sue

As we welcome November, we say good-bye to October a month filled with a lot of fun fall activities. We found pumpkins on our playground, and enjoyed Miss Janet's fact filled afternoon about spiders. The Sycamore Fire Department also stopped by for a visit. We learned about fire safety, and watched as they put on their special equipment. The afternoon class even experienced them driving off on a run with their sirens blaring. They are always so kind and patient with the classes. It is wonderful to know that these unsung heroes protect our families!

The month of November is a great month to think about food, so one of our themes will be Food & Fun. Several of the books we will be reading are More Spaghetti, I Say!, Growing Vegetable Soup and Pancakes for Breakfast. We will be cooking our own stone soup (a note will be coming home for ingredients), and enjoying yummy pancakes for snack. We will also spend a week reading the books of author Laura Numeroff. Her books provide an opportunity for us to do some interesting activities. (If You Give A Pig A Pancake, If you Give A Moose a Muffin, If You Give a Cat A Cupcake, to name a few). During our Thanksgiving unit we will look at a typical day of a young Pilgrim girl named Sarah Morton. We will see how she dressed, how she played and what kind of responsibilities she had around her home. We will also learn about the kind of food served on the first Thanksgiving. The month will end with Good Shepherd Nursery School's Charlie Brown Feast. (Look for the sign-up listing items we will need in the hallway). This is a feast of "Charlie Brown" food that really appeals to the preschooler, always a lot of fun!

Our November letters will be F, G and H. We will focus on their sounds, how to make them in upper / lower case form, and look for them in everything that we do. If your child has not already told you, with each letter we are also learning The American Sign Language Alphabet. A copy of the whole alphabet accompanies this letter. We will continue to integrate numbers into our everyday activities with a focus on recognition; understanding that numbers are expressed as spoken words, written words, and written symbols. We will practice counting forward and backwards, and counting objects developing one to one correspondence skills. Our number writing will begin the first week in November with the numbers one and two.

We have two special events taking place this month. The first one is VIP NIGHT. VIP Night will be held the evening of Wednesday November 9th. This is a very special night for the children. One adult may accompany each child to our evening activity. The Pre-K VIP Night will be a Laura Numeroff evening, with activities focusing on her book, *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*. VIP Night is a wonderful opportunity for someone that is not able to visit our classroom during the regular school day. We hope that everyone will be able to join us on this special evening.

On November 17th we will enjoy a visit from the author of the children's book, Jungle Music. Kim Brown, the author, is the mother one of our GSNS students. She will share her story and music with each of the classes. She is also providing the opportunity to pre-order a signed copy of the book. An order form will soon come home in the backpacks.

As the weather gets colder please remember to dress your child for outdoor play. Hats and mittens that stay in the backpack for our cold season work great on chilly days. Temperature permitting, we will always play outside.

We give thanks for the opportunity to be a part of your child's early education and wish you and your family a very blessed Thanksgiving.

Special Dates to remember:

Tues. 11/1: **55 Club pick-up procedure morning class/ P.M. drive through drop off afternoon class**

Wed. 11/9: VIP Night Miss Leigh 6:00-7:00 Miss Sue 7:00-8:00

Thur. 11/17: Author Visit

Tues. 11/22: Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Feast

Wed. 11/23 & Thurs. 11/24: No School