

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



The Children's Center News

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A Fun-Filled Thanksgiving Celebration



Reading Corner

Karen Roudybush, Reading Specialist

It's hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us! What an exciting time of year this is at the Children's Center... we are busy learning about family, food and Thanksgiving traditions. The highlight of our November festivities is always the Children's Center Thanksgiving luncheon. The Pilgrims and Indians gathered together for fun and feasting on November 20th this year. We started the morning in Ms. Stuber's classroom for the story, *All for Pie, Pie for All*, by David Martin. We then divided into three groups and rotated through each classroom, participating in a different activity in each room. In Ms. Greeno's classroom we made turkey hats, we played Thanksgiving games with Ms. Kolosky and Ms. Zelei and made placemats with Ms. Stuber. Then, before our feast, we watched a Charlie Brown video, *The Mayflower Voyagers*. Finally, it was time to eat turkey and all the trimmings. We had some very special guests this year, including the Toddler Group families, WPSD administrators and two members of our Board of Trustees, Mr. McCrady and Ms. Scheffler. It was a very special day... we have so much to be thankful for!

Remember that anytime is a great time for a new book! Give books as special presents over the holidays. Encourage grandparents or other relatives to help build your child's personal library, and let the giver have the pleasure of reading the book to your child for the first time. No matter when you give your child a book, you are helping build a love of reading!



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Feast for Ten!

Patty Greeno, Preschool Teacher

Every year our class reads a variety of books to help us learn about Thanksgiving. One of our favorites is *Feast For Ten*, by Cathryn Falwell. The story tells of a family who goes shopping and then prepares food for their feast. So, we decided to go shop for food! We prepared a grocery list and had pictures of all of the items we were looking for in the store.

We matched the pictures to the items in the store. Some children looked at the letters, others looked at the objects but we all searched high and low. We found everything! People in the store loved watching the children look for the food items. We had a snack at the store but then, in the afternoon, we prepared and tasted some of the food we had bought. The most preferred was the pumpkin pie.

We practiced our counting skills by setting out the same number of items as were listed in the story and counting them before we cooked them. This was an exciting way to work on our manners, follow rules, review our vocabulary words, practice counting, taste new things and prepare for Thanksgiving.



Holiday Safety

Nurse Nancy Possumato

Mistletoe, holly, poinsettias, Jerusalem cherry plants, and other plants are commonly used as decorations during the holidays.

Like many plants, these are considered potentially poisonous and should be kept out of the reach of kids. Symptoms of plant poisoning can include rashes, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. If you suspect that your child has eaten any part of a plant, immediately call your doctor or the National Poison Center: (800) 222-1222



Upcoming Events

Picture Retakes

December 3rd

Holiday Shopping

December 11th

Students will shop for special Holiday gifts for their families

Breakfast with Santa

December 16th

WPSD Dining Room

Winter Break

Last day before break:

December 19th

First day back:
January 5th

Literacy Workshop

February 7th

9:30-12:00

Children's Center
Playroom