

All Saints Pre-"Scoop"

November 2011

What an unbe-leaf-able fall we are experiencing! Just a reminder to send a coat along with your child because we will continue to get outside each day before the temperatures drop too low. Also, remember to label your child's coat with their name so we don't have any mix-ups!

We started the month of October with a focus on "moo-vement!" Creating healthy habits now can have a lasting impact. We not only encourage healthy food choices, but also physically fit choices to promote an active, healthy lifestyle.

As the month comes to an end, it's time to enjoy a special "treat", along with a magical "trick!" The Preschool staff will make the book, Big Pumpkin, come alive. The teachers will become the characters and act out this spook-tacular story. Parents, remember you too are welcome to join your child for this magical story in the BLUE preschool classroom at the end of our Boo-tiful Halloween Fun Day. It will be a real "trick" and "treat" for all ages!

BOO! BOO! THANK YOU!

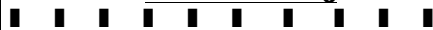
Thank you for making the following activities possible...

* Thank you for helping with the cost of pumpkins for the 3 year old classes. The children are enjoying the delivery of pumpkins from Goodlove's Pumpkin Farm right to their own classroom pumpkin patch!

* Thank you to all those who helped chaperone our 'lil pumpkins in the 4 year old AM, PM, and Enrichment classes on the field trip to Goodlove's Pumpkin Farm. It was a fun day in the great outdoors learning about growing pumpkins, riding on a hayrack ride, and of course the highlight of our trip... riding the school bus!

* Thank you for sharing the gift of Grandparents with us on Oct. 21st. It was a pleasure sharing our classrooms, and a delicious turkey lunch with them. What a "Grand" day with our "Grand" parents!

Now Featuring



This month we will focus on the color BROWN or CAFE in Spanish, and the shape, RECTANGLE or RECTANGULO in Spanish. The Enrichment class will explore the country of Germany on their tour around the world.



The month of November will begin with a discovery of our five senses. The children will put their sense of sight, touch, smell, listen, and taste to the test.

Also this month, children in the 4-year old AM and PM classes will begin adding small group learning centers to their daily routine. Please see attached note for further details.

We'll soon be talkin' turkey as Thanksgiving time rolls around. Thanksgiving provides a wonderful opportunity to use our senses, as well as feast healthy food. It also provides an opportunity to reflect on the many gifts we are thankful for. The children will discover a bit of history as we recall the first Thanksgiving the Pilgrims and Native Americans shared together. Watch for our dramatic play area to transform into a Pilgrim village complete with a log cabin, and a Native American reservation complete with a teepee. In remembrance of the first Thanksgiving and the friendship that developed, we will gather together for a "non-traditional" Thanksgiving Feast. We are mixing things up a bit as we change the traditional menu of turkey and the fixins' to make personal pan pizzas. Mr. Turkey loves our idea!! Each child will be asked to bring an item to help prepare our special meal. Watch for detailed Feast information to follow.

November Song of the month:

"Turkey, Turkey"

Sung to "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Turkey, Turkey, Look at you,
Please be careful what you do.
Thanksgiving Day is almost here,
We eat turkey every year.
Go and hide out in the woods,
We'll eat PIZZA, like we should!

November Prayer of the month

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest.
Let these gifts to us be blessed.

Amen

This is the prayer we recite before daily snack. We invite you to recite this prayer at home as well.

Following Thanksgiving break (Nov. 21 - 25), we will "quietly" return back to school for a unit on hibernation. The children will explore what hibernation is and discover animals that need to sleep all winter long. Shhh - the 4 year old AM, PM, and Enrichment classes will celebrate hibernation with a *Pajama Party* on Fri., Dec. 2nd. Watch for more details, as it gets closer.

Healthy kids are happy kids! Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (hawk-i) is a program that gives Iowa kids that chance by making sure they have health and dental coverage. Please see attached information in regards to free or low-cost health and dental coverage for kids.

☑ Mark Your Calendars ...

☑ Iowa Kidsight free vision screenings available during class time on:

Tues., Nov. 1 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Wed., Nov. 2 9:00 am

☑ Fri., Nov. 4 - No School

Staff Inservice Day

☑ Wed., Nov. 9 - NO Enrichment class - due to Early Out

☑ Fri., Nov. 11 - All Saints Preschool & School Movie Night

Watch school news for details!

☑ No Preschool & School Nov. 21 - 25
Happy Thanksgiving Break!

THANK YOU for sharing your wonderful children with us at All Saints Preschool. May you enjoy the gift of family, and the pleasure of a delicious feast this Thanksgiving!

○○ LOOKING AHEAD ○○

The Preschool Christmas Concert is set for Saturday, Dec. 17th at 9:30 AM. Mark your calendars and spread the word to join us for the "Songs of the Season!"

