

St. John's Nursery School 2's Newsletter
by Ms. Diane and Ms. Sharyn
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Thanksgiving is almost here! Our classroom is full of fall colors, turkeys, and even corn! We've had a wonderful month learning about Thanksgiving traditions and what it means to "be thankful". We love hearing the children say they're thankful for their families, pets, and even snacks! :-)



With the weather turning cold, we're bundling up extra-warm for the playground, so please send your child to school with a hat and gloves. Even if they don't love wearing them, it's always helpful to have an extra set in their backpack just in case. When it's too windy or wet, the children love biking and zooming on scooters in Parish Hall! There's always lots of fun and giggles when we bring out special items like the tumbling mat and tunnel!





November is the perfect time to learn more about fall, Thanksgiving and make some extra special projects! The MWF class made a fall collage, using paint, construction paper, and leaves from the playground. The children were excited to skip paintbrushes and experiment with new tools- potato mashers! They happily practiced lifting the mashers up and down, calling out colors and counting each stamp on the paper!



Inspired by the song “Hello Mr. Turkey”, both classes had a wonderful time making Thanksgiving turkeys using paper plates, paint, glue, and construction paper. We’re building up our fine motor skills while manipulating the paintbrushes and placing paper feathers in just the right spot. Finished with silly eye-shaped stickers and a paper beak, each turkey is so colorful and unique!



After reading “The First Thanksgiving” by Nancy Davis and learning about food associated with the holiday, both classes made their very own Thanksgiving corn! Made with cardstock, glue, and shape hole punchers, the children added “colorful kernels” to their corn using yellow, orange, red, and brown construction paper. Some children placed each kernel gently, while others excitedly sprinkled handfuls of paper down onto the glue. Please check your child’s backpack for this colorful creation (and other great projects!)



In Spanish, the children are beginning to sing along to Ms. Ericka's favorite songs! We are practicing counting in Spanish and identifying colors. There's always lots of laughter when Ms. Ericka brings out the shaker eggs (huevos!) and leads us through marching, spinning, and even tip-toeing around the rug. The children love playing with the parachute, some choosing to hold a handle and shake it, while others experiment with sitting or ducking under the colorful fabric.



In yoga, the children are doing a wonderful job getting settled on their mats and calming their bodies down. Ms. Sue and Ms. Melissa always pass around the breathing ball, and everyone has become more comfortable sharing and taking turns. We played games focusing on our breathing- the children even sent pom-poms flying with the power of their breath! As we learn more poses like downward dog, the children are developing their gross motor skills and improving their balance.





Congratulations to the Jerrard Family! On November 15th, they welcomed baby Anna Catherine! We read "I'm a Big Sister" by Joanna Cole and Meredith is already loving being a big sister!



SONGS

"Good Morning Song", "Hold on to the Rail!", "The Leaves are Falling Down", "Hello Mr. Turkey!", "Goodbye Song"

Hello, Mr. Turkey how are you?
Hello, Mr. Turkey how are you?
With a gobble, gobble, gobble,
and a wobble, wobble, wobble,
Hello, Mr. Turkey how are you?
(tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It")

BOOKS

"Leaves" by David Ezra Stein, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" by Eric Carle, "Leaf Man" by Lois Ehlert, "Shapes!" by National Geographic Kids, "If I had a Pig" by Mick Inkpen, "The Littlest Pilgrim" by Brandi Dougherty, "The First Thanksgiving" by Nancy Davis

REMINDERS

- No School November 26-28th (Thanksgiving)
- Please send your child in a hat and gloves, we love to play outside whenever possible :-)

