



November 13, 2009

Dear Parents,

It was nice meeting with the rest of you yesterday. Always know if you have questions or concerns you can call or set up a meeting at any time.

This week we completed our unit on firefighters and Veteran's Day. This unit was excellent to work on developing dramatic play skills and cooperative play as it was a high interest topic for many of the children. This week in the library we read a book about the American flag. The book talked about the many places we see American flags. As you drive around the community this weekend, see if your child can spot American flags.

During Thrilling Thursday rotations the am students worked on sorting stars by size at my table. The afternoon children worked on quantity and special concepts while at my table. I had a variety of American flags with different amounts of stars and stripes as well as different size stripes and stars. The children had fun with Miss Robyn imitating movements with streamers. At Miss Meghan's table the children worked on prepositions with flags. During Miss Meghan's language group the morning students listened to patriotic music and worked on following directions with their flags. The afternoon students learned about several items that a soldier wears and uses.

The color for the month of November is brown. Please dress your child in brown on Wednesday and send in a brown item to hang on our bulletin board. Remember items stay on the board for the entire month.

Thank you to Mr. Kurt, Miss Nancy's husband for coming in to help the PM kids with the computer today. The kids really enjoyed this special visitor.

The Jim Gill assembly is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th at 10:45 and 1:15. Siblings are welcome to attend. Jim Gill is a great composer and children's entertainer. He started his career working with children with special needs. Staff and children always enjoy his assembly because he understands the needs of our children and is able to hold their attention. We listen to his music quite often in class.

If anyone wishes to order Eco-bags, the orders are due on Wednesday, November 18th.

Have a wonderful weekend. It is supposed to be another nice one.

Miss Marlene

Theme: **Thanksgiving**

Dates: November 17th 20th

9:15 - 9:40 and 1:00 - 1:25

Worktime

Feeling table: baste a turkey
Dramatic Play: Kitchen - Make a Thanksgiving dinner
Blocks, cars, fire trucks, people, and houses

Centers

9:45 - 10:00 and 1:30 - 1:45

Table Toys: puzzles, games,
Easel: Thanksgiving pictures with markers
Art: Corn paint turkeys

Thursday: Thrilling Thursday Rotation Day

Marlene: create a place setting Meghan: What do you like? Robyn: Turkey handprints

10:00 - 10:30 and 1:50 - 2:20

Circle

Tuesday: Introduction to Thanksgiving

Wednesday: Library: Book- *Thanksgiving Is For Giving Thanks* by: Margaret Sutherland

Thursday: Meghan's Language - Meet and Greet

Friday: Discussion - What are we thankful for?

10:30 - 10:50 and 2:20 - 2:35

Snack

10:50 - 11:10 and 2:35 - 2:55

Recess

11:15 - 11:35 and 3:00 - 3:20

Music and Movement and Story (Tuesday and Thursday)

11:15 - 11:35 and 3:00 - 3:20

Together Time (Wednesday and Friday)

Wednesday: Pass the flag game

Thursday: Flags with Patriotic music

