



THE SCHOOL SHED

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2011

A Message From the Director

Wow, has time ever snuck up on me! I'm about three weeks behind and I'm not quite sure why. It seems as though I am more busy now than I was five years ago. I always thought that once my kids got older I would have more time on my hands. You know, they can bathe themselves, they are pretty self sufficient in the snack department and laundry is somewhat of a chore for them rather than for me. WRONG!!! Wow, we have drama class, cross country, car pools, orthodontic appointments, weekly allergy shots, community service with two Honor Roll students, science projects, etc.. The time just gets by. I have to say it is the season to be Thankful for all my wonderful staff that make it possible for me to come in late or leave early in order to be with my family. Thank you ladies!!!

Because I am so late getting this newsletter out, I have decided to go ahead and combine November and December news. If you have any questions regarding the information in this newsletter please feel free to contact me by phone, email or drop by my office.

November brings Turkey Talk, Pilgrims and all that we are thankful for. We have discussed the lifestyle of the American Indian by eating corn, cornbread and frybread. The children have learned the life cycle of the pumpkin, have tasted pumpkin bread and counted with pumpkin seeds. There have been an endless amount of curriculum ideas to reinforce the upcoming Holiday and season.

"Celebrations Around the World" is the theme for December. The children will be learning how children in other parts of the world celebrate the holiday season. We will discuss Kwanzaa and how the fruit basket is a common gift, Hanukkah and what the Menorah represents, Christmas and how it is celebrated so many different ways. Read on to learn about special events and schedule changes for the holiday season.

A BIG THANK YOU!!

I would like to send out a great big Thank You for those of you that helped out with our HAY RIDES in October. No matter if it is 70 degrees or 35 degrees, This is always one of our most popular family events. Thank You!!



TOWN AND COUNTRY PRESCHOOL WILL BE
CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY
AND THE FRIDAY AFTER.

WE'RE IN

SNOW

BUSINESS...

Our snow closure policy is as follows:

If D49 closes, classroom #1, Preschool and Pre-k will close. Our Extended Care Programs remain open unless there is such severe weather that we deem necessary to close. If D49 has a delay, Town and Country does NOT delay.

You can learn about our closures several different ways.

We have a staff person on duty by 6:30 am, our answering machine will have information by 6:00am, if the News Stations report a closure for D49, you can follow that. Our web site www.TandCPreschool.com will have information posted by 6am and if you are a subscriber to our reminders than an email will be sent to you automatically by 6:30 am about our schedule.

You Are Invited

You are invited to attend our fifth annual Family Thanksgiving Feast. This is an event that we all look forward to. The children will perform songs and finger plays following a brief discussion by their teacher about what the children have been learning. Following that we invite you to join in on the fullest feast you can indulge in, with all the fixin's. Taters, turkey, corn, dinner rolls, stuffing, pumpkin pie and so much more. If you would like to celebrate something special from your family tradition please feel free,

This is our way of expressing the absolute most gratitude for you supporting Town and Country's Program. Your teachers will be available to chat with you during dinner.

Classroom#1 MWFam & MWFpm classes will meet on Friday, November 18th from 5-6pm (am class) and 6:30-7:30pm (pm class)

Classroom #1 T & Th am & T & Th pm classes will meet on Thursday, November 17th from 5-6pm for am class and 6:30-7:30 for pm class.

Classroom #2 & #3 will combine feasts on

Wednesday, November 16 @ 6:15

Hope you will join this festive family event!



ORIGINAL ARTWORK

ALL OF THE ARTWORK AND ITEMS THAT YOU PURCHASED HAVE ARRIVED. PLEASE TAKE A LOOK INSIDE YOUR BAGS TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE CORRECT AND COMPLETE ORDER. IF YOU HAVE NOT, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Scholastics for the Holidays

The Scholastic catalogs are available now and will arrive in time for the Holidays. Please return them by Monday, Nov. 21. Please make checks payable to "Scholastic" or order online at www.scholastic.com/bookclubs and enter our activation code GYDD. If you have already ordered online with Scholastic, your user name and password are all you need. Thanks in advance for your orders! I would also like to thank Jaime Cecil for coordinating the orders.



Birthday Celebrations

November Babies:

Logan B. 11/04
Jacey 11/07
Jacob M. 11/13
Abigail M. 11/13
Alayna 11/18
Scarlett 11/20
Ethan 11/23
Bradlee 11/28



December Babies

Taryn 12/17
Charlei 12/20
Noah 12/21
Bryce 12/21
Jaydon R. 12/27
Emma 12/27
Gavin 12/30

PUMPKIN PIE



Play-Dough

5 1/2 cups flour
2 cups salt
8 tsp. Cream of Tarter
3/4 cups of oil
1 container (1 1/2 oz.) pumpkin pie spice
Orange Food Coloring
4 cups water



Mix all ingredients together in a pot. Cook and stir over medium heat until all lumps disappear. Knead dough on floured surface until smooth. Do not over cook, dough will become dry and crumbly. Store in airtight container. Get out the pie pans and rolling pin and watch as your child creates. Try giving them the spice and let them add it as they play. Have fun!

WINTER BREAK

Classroom #1 will be closed from December 19-30. Classes will resume on Monday, January 2, 2012. The extended care classrooms will remain open during this time. If you need care during this two week break feel free to utilize our drop in care. Also, if you are in the extended care program and you will be taking time off, it is helpful for us to know this in advance so that we may staff accordingly. Please remember that if you are in classroom

#1, your tuition will be adjusted, however, because the extended classrooms are open, you will still be required to pay tuition regardless if your little one attends.



DRESS WARM

NOW THAT THE WEATHER IS CHANGING WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO BRING A HAT AND MITTENS/GLOVES ALONG WITH A WARM COAT. IF THE WIND IS NOT BLOWING BUT THE SUN IS SHINING WE MAY STILL GO OUTSIDE. IT'S COLORADO, YOU JUST NEVER KNOW!!

Celebrations Around the World

The children will perform skits, songs and finger plays that will symbolize the different ways others celebrate the holiday season. Mark your calendar for this festive family event.

Classroom #1 Thursday & Friday, Dec. 15 & 16 AM classes will perform @ 5:00pm PM classes will perform @ 6:30

Classroom #2 Tuesday, Dec. 13 @ 6:00pm

Classroom #3 Wednesday, Dec. 14 @ 6:00pm

Please join us for simple refreshments following the program

