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Infants

Welcome to November, Infant families! This week, our theme "Harvesting Great Skills" carries along well with the autumn season. We have real gourds and pumpkins for the children to touch and explore. We will continue singing songs about pumpkins, apples, and leaves – We have our rhymes and songs posted on a wall by the square if you'd like to come take a quick picture of them with your phone so you can sing them at home as well. We will do more art following our theme as well, which you'll see hanging above our window. As you continue to look around our room, you'll see our "Who Am Eye" board – See if you can pick out your child! We also have the family photo collages hanging by the square – The kids love seeing familiar faces while at school!

We want to wish Jemma a very happy first birthday on November 13th and Maisie a great first birthday on November 19th! We are sad to see these smiling girls move up to the Wobblers' Room, however, we know they will have a fantastic time learning and growing with the "big kids."

Thank you so much to those of you who took time out of your evening to come and chat with me on Curriculum Night. It was wonderful to connect with families and explain details about our room and what I am implementing in it.

We will be teaching the infants several signs to increase their communication skills, but will be focusing on one in particular each month. Our sign of the month this month is "all done," and we will be using it throughout the day – After every diaper change, after bottles, after eating in the high chair, and so on. If you are not aware of how

to sign "all done," please ask, and then use it at home as well. The children will pick up on these signs even faster when seeing them both at home and at school.

Please remember to label **the side of all your child's bottles** (not just the lid) with their **first and last name** and the **date**.

Though our outdoor buggy rides will dramatically decrease due to the weather changing, we may still try to squeeze a couple in this month if the sun peeks out and we think the babies will be comfortable. Please leave a jacket and hat in your child's cubby just in case. They always love riding along, singing songs, and looking at the beautiful fall leaves blowing around and cars driving by.

Thanks for your support and we hope you have a great November!
-Ms. Amy, Ms. Carol, & Ms. Hoa

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Notes from Nancy

The leaves are falling, the rain is beginning and we are into the month of November. The center has celebrated Halloween this past month with learning about pumpkins and visiting the pumpkin patch.

Reminders this month: The center will be closed on Monday, November 12, 2018 for

Veteran's Day and Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23, 2018 for Thanksgiving.

Please welcome, Angela Glorioso and Betty Hendrickson, to the 5Cs staff. They will be working in all the classrooms.

Each classroom wants to say "Thank You" for the money from the parent board. The classes are choosing new and replacing worn out activities and equipment for the children. The money given to the classrooms is the money that the parent board gives to the teacher to spend at the SSTEC conference in the fall. This year the conference was cancelled so the parent board voted to give the teachers the money to order items out of school supply catalogs. Parents your support is very much appreciated.

It is that time a year for the ASQ assessments to be distributed to you the parents. The assessment is a questionnaire that you completed on each of your children. We score the assessment and if there are any developmental concerns the center will let you know. This assessment is most helpful to the teachers. It provides the teachers with information on skills they need to work on in the classroom. For example, does the class need to have more fine motor skills activities from the information gathered from the assessment? Please look for the assessment attached to your child's cubby starting the week of November 5th. We are going to go room by

room starting with Infants and Wobblers on Monday, Todd I and Todd II on Tuesday, Preschool on Wednesday and Pre-K on Thursday. Please return the assessment as soon as possible or by Tuesday, November 13th. Thank you in advance for your help.

Ms. Tina is planning to return to the center on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to ask. Tina and I are in communication most every day.

Have a very wonderful Thanksgiving.

Nancy

Wobblers

I believe we all have great things to be thankful for this November. But especially, on the behalf of the wobblers, we want to thank the parent board, for our new developmental toys and items.

This November we will be really focusing on signing our "please" and "thank you". You can even practice these signs at home with your child. They might surprise you with what they already know. But here are a few things that November has in store. This month our color is brown and our shape is a diamond. We will be introducing fall animals, fruits and vegetables, thanksgiving and the ending of fall.

To begin, our first lesson will be about the learning of fall animals. Our two objectives will be based on cows and turkeys.

We will be taking a closer look at the characteristics and sounds of the two animals.

Our second lesson includes fruits and vegetables. The class will be identifying berries from vegetables. Which will include colors, smells, and size. We are even conducting a science experiment that will be containing strawberries.

The third special lesson will be all about Thanksgiving. The wobblers will be describing the characteristics of family and what thanksgiving brings. So that will include reviewing of the turkey, family photos and most of all signing please and thank you.

And Finally, the ending of fall will consist of three major points. The weather, the fall of leaves, and the gathering of food for those animals who will be hibernating this December.

We are grateful to welcome Jemma and Maisie into our class. They will transition the first 2 weeks in November and be in our room full time by November 20th. To conclude November's issue, I'd like to end it with a quote "Small cheer and great welcome makes a merry feast" - William Shakespeare, have a wonderful November and happy holiday.

Stefany and Dung



Todd I

Welcome to November! We hope everyone had a safe and

happy Halloween. For the month of November, we will learn all about farms: the farmer's jobs, the foods they grow, and the animals that live on the farm. During Thanksgiving week, we will talk about what we are thankful for, what makes us happy, and how we can show happiness and kindness to others. To wrap up the month, we will focus on what we do in the kitchen with our families, focus on the shape - rectangle and explore the colors - yellow, green, and orange.

This month will be quite the party month; we have four birthdays! Mara on the 1st, Lucas on the 5th, Caitlin on the 14th, and Brianna on the 22nd. They will all be turning 2!

Happy Thanksgiving to All!

Cassey and Thol

Todd II – Bouncy Tiggers

November is here and the holidays are upon us. After all of the excitement of Halloween, we are now ready for the company of family and friends as Thanksgiving and Christmas are not far off. During October, we learned about autumn, pumpkins, leaves and went to the pumpkin patch. We made pumpkin custard which the children thoroughly enjoyed what they created. We talked about what reminds us of fall – shapes, colors, and Halloween. Circle time has been more fun as the children are getting into the routine, learning new songs, singing, clapping, and dancing along. Our new songs are about morning greetings, fall colors, shapes, and movement. We are also improving our table

manners and family style serving. They are learning to use tongs and serving spoons so they can serve themselves, We are using “yes please”, “no thank you,” and “ would you please pass....”. This has been a great success in a very short period of time.

The class adventure to Lattin’s Cider Mill and Pumpkin Patch was incredible. For some of Bouncy Tiggers, this was their first trip to a pumpkin patch. Thank you to all of the parents who joined us on our class fieldtrip. The kids enjoyed the animals and activities including drinking cider and eating cider doughnuts.

This month we will be recognizing all that we are thankful for. We will learn about Veteran’s Day, Harvest Time, Diwali and Thanksgiving. Our Thanksgiving cooking project will be cornbread and churning fresh butter.

Ms. Shilpa is from India. In the second week of November, she will teach the children about one of their festivals, Diwali – The Festival of Lights. Diwali is India’s biggest and most important holiday of the year. This festival is as important to Hindus as the Christmas Holiday is to Christians.

Please mark your calendar for our holiday closures for November: Monday, November 12th – Veteran’s Day and Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd – Thanksgiving.

November Bouncy Tiggers’ Birthday:

- Charlie Eadrick – November 10
Ms. Mandy and Ms. Shilpa



Reminders:
The center will be closed
Veteran’s Day,
Monday
November 12, 2018
And
Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday and Friday
November 22, 23, 2018

Preschool

November has arrived, and the holidays have started! I hope everyone had a safe and fun Halloween and of course got lots of candy. 😊

Preschool would first off like to say a big thank you for the help on the pumpkin patch field trip and all who attended curriculum night! I’m sorry I couldn’t attend either due to sickness and being out of town, I was told they both went amazing! Also, a big thank you to the parent board for giving our classroom some money. We bought some gross motor indoor activities for the raining and cold days. We got cones/poles for jumping and crawling under/over, we have more plastic colored circles for group time and games, we added to our block area and got some

tree blocks and lastly, we got a clean-up sand timer that seems to really work!

Some quick friendly reminders with the weather changing if your child has shorts or summer clothes in their extra clothes box we will be sending them home and would like you to bring in pants and warmer clothes. If bringing in an extra coat or boots/gloves/hats and leaving them here that is always welcome. We have been practicing our fine motor skills and doing our own buttons and zippers on our coats. There has been a lot of improvements, we hope you are seeing that at home also! Water bottles are always welcome, and we would encourage your child to bring one, they love having them!

One thing in preschool that we really work on is using our words. When we get upset or sad instead of using our bodies we try and expressing verbally what’s wrong. We help the children resolve their issues, if we see they aren’t being heard. We as teachers have seen a huge change with a lot of our class and sure hope you are seeing it as well! Another thing we are practicing is teamwork. We love cheering for each other and being supportive. We see it all throughout the day, when one child is struggling or trying hard there will always be another child cheering them on. It’s so wonderful to see. This way we are all being positive and good friends. We have been playing different games that’s been working on personal skills

and teamwork. For our fine motor skills, we have been practicing cutting and the hand strength. Tracing and using stencils have helped with this. Our self-help skills at the table and in the restroom has been improving wonderfully!

This month we are going to focus on things that all have to do with this time of year. First, we will start November off by learning about Nutrition/Health, then move into cooking, going into Thanksgiving and ending the month with family. We think all these things are going to be fun for our class and talking about traditions and things they love to do with their families. Some reminders on closures, the center will be closed Monday, 12th for Veterans Day. Then closed on the Thursday 22nd and the 23rd for the Thanksgiving break.

Preschool has three birthdays this month we would like to announce. Maya is on the 5th, Ms. Stephanie is on the 8th, and Ms. Taylor is on the 22nd. There is a lot going on this month and we are excited to get started. I want to say thank you again parents and parent board! If there are any questions for Ms. Steph or Ms. Brandi don't be afraid to ask, we will love to answer them for you! Thanks for sharing your awesome kids with us every day!

Ms. Stephanie, Ms. Brandi and Ms. Taylor



Staff Birthdays:

Stephanie 11-8

Jaslyn 11-11

Sherry 11-17

Taylor 11-22

Bella 11-22



Pre – K

SILVER SIGHTS
WE HAVE THREE CLOSURES

Well hello,

We had such a fun time learning about reducing, reusing and recycling in October. From our trips to the Fire Station and Hunter's Family Farm to building box houses and melting wax onto our pumpkins...it was a wonderful month of exploration. THANK YOU to all the parents and grandparents who were able to join us on our trips. The children enjoyed your company and the teachers appreciated your help. We also want to thank families for donating materials for our recycled art projects. The kids worked really hard on constructing their buildings, furnishings and cork people. They also put a lot of effort into their writing, especially their names. Please take a minute to check out the assignments on the wall outside our door (near the bathroom).

In November, we will begin our study of clothes from around the world. Each child

may wear something special and tell the class why. We will also look at outfits for exercise, and talk about what we want to wear at a special meal, like Thanksgiving! Our themes will be exercise, "living dinosaurs," early Thanksgiving, and shopping. We will begin practicing some of our songs for the holidays and playing the instruments in our room. The children love to dance and sing and the room lights up when they do. We will have our usual "show and tell" on the last Thursday and Friday of the month, Nov. 29th and 30th.

**OUR CLOSURE DAYS ARE
NOVEMBER 12th, 22nd and 23rd**

We have two Big Bear birthdays this month. **Landon** will turn five on the 16th and **Amy** will be right behind on the 27th. We are very excited to share these special days with our kids.

Some of the highlights of last month were the conversations we had while working on our boxes and other projects together. We were able to learn a lot about each child's interests and preferences. We tried to build vocabulary with concepts such as "stabilizing" our structures and with discussions about the different occupations represented by each building. (We had a Ninja Training Center and a Starbucks, to name a few)! We also enjoyed the abundance of sun during outdoor time and learned several new games reusing old equipment. The "Coin Game" was a big hit along with Lego tag. This is a very

bright group and we are so happy to be their teachers. It's going to be an AWESOME year!

We know you just did this, but please check your child's **EXTRA CLOTHING** supply. We seem to find ways to get wet on the slide, in the sensory table and anything else remotely damp. We are also having a little struggle with pillows and blankets NOT fitting in the green bins. If you can modify the contents without upsetting your child we would appreciate some help there. We do not want anyone to be cold so if they need it all...we'll make it work.

This time of year, can be both delightful and daunting as we approach the holidays. If there is anything we can do to be of assistance just stop in or give us a call. We value your expertise with your child and appreciate the time you take to let us know how to best serve your family.

"High in some silent sky, love sings a silver song..." must have been written in OLYMPIA! (It's actually an old show tune written by Bob Merrill). Have a great month and a fabulous Thanksgiving,

Ms. Lori, Ms. Maddy,
Ms. Samatia and Ms. Shannon

