

# Capitol Campus Child Care Center

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## Infants

Hello, Infant families, and welcome to the month of November!

We would like to begin by wishing our friend Ainsley a very happy 1<sup>st</sup> birthday on November 12<sup>th</sup>! She has had so much fun here in the Infant Room and we have absolutely loved watching her grow! She is very proud of her new walking skills, which will be so fun for her to demonstrate in the big Wobbler classroom. We will miss her sweet, smart, and silly personality!

We also would like to give a warm welcome to our new friend, Davion! He is about six months old and has been such a sweetheart to get to know. He has been a great addition to our classroom and we're so happy he's here!

Our theme this month is "Harvesting Great Skills" to not only play off of the autumn season but also to show how much we love working with the children on learning and continuing to develop their skills. Our sign of the month is "all done." This is a wonderful sign to use throughout our entire day – after a diaper change, when they're done eating at the high chair, when we finish reading a book, if we're all done playing with a toy, and more. As said before, try to use these signs at home as well and you will truly see your child's communication skills rapidly grow! Remember, a great online resource for you to find demonstrations of the signs we use in the classroom is [www.signingtime.com](http://www.signingtime.com).

We wanted to be sure to thank you all for sending in family photos! We made sweet collages for each child and they are hung on an inside wall of our play space at the children's level. They absolutely love seeing their photos hanging on the wall, pointing to them, and smiling at them! We will eventually send these home with you, but the children are enjoying them so much that it may be a while before you get to enjoy them.

Wishing you all a wonderful November and a very happy Thanksgiving,  
Ms. Amy, Ms. Hoa, and Ms. Carol

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**Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 2:00 am**

## Notes from Tina and Nancy

The trees are losing their leaves, the rain is beginning, temperatures dropping, and we are into the month of November.

The center had great fun engaging in Halloween activities. Learning about pumpkins, leaves, fire prevention and safety, nocturnal animals, family pets, harvest, spooky friends and the children dressing up in their costumes are a few of the highlights of the month of October.

### Reminders:

- The center will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, for Veteran's Day and Thursday and Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.
- Inclement Weather – It is getting to be that time of year where there could be snow, icy roads, power outages etc. With the Olympia School District being online, the center is changing our inclement weather procedure. We will be making the decision for the center as to whether we will be open or closed. We will send out a notification by email by 6 am to each of you stating if the center is closed or opening late. If the center opens late, (9:00 am) breakfast **will NOT** be served.

Teachers truly enjoyed Curriculum Night. The teachers commented about how great it was to talk with you and answer

your questions. Thank you for your time and interest in coming to the center for the evening,

Parents, thank you for completing your child's ASQ Questionnaire. If you have not returned it, please complete or if you cannot find it, we can give you another copy. 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? If you have any questions, regarding your child's scores, please stop by the office and/or ask your child's teacher.

We have had 8 new families join 5Cs Child Care. We want to welcome each family and we look forward to getting to know each of you and your child(ren).

Ms. Tina will be out of the office from Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> to Nov 13<sup>th</sup> returning on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask. Tina and I are in communication all the time while she is gone.

Have a very wonderful Thanksgiving.

Ms. Tina and Ms. Nancy



## Wobblers

The month of October was a lot of fun. The class welcomed Margo and two additional new

friends, Leland and Saber, to our group. Everyone was full of smiles and curiosity towards each other. This November, it is a pleasure to say, we will be welcoming a familiar face from the infant room, Ainsley. We are excited that she is joining our classroom. The wobbler room will be a group of seven this November.

This month the children will be having fun learning about little chicks, leaves and trees and Thanksgiving. We will have read stories, sing songs and do skill building projects. Mrs. Stef will bring from the outside, nature's materials to the indoors, for the children to explore fall colors, shapes, sizes and sensory fun.

The wobblers are currently practicing their fine motor skills through the stacking of two blocks, a variety of peg boards, turning of the pages and beginning to understand the social skill of taking turns.

We are looking forward to November and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Mrs.Stefany and Ms.Dung

## Todd I

Wow, we are into November already?! Where did the year go?

Well, we are excited for the holiday season to start. Our overall monthly theme is Family/Community. Our

weekly themes include farm animals, farm foods, being thankful, and Thanksgiving activities. In learning about what it means to be thankful, we will use simple words like happy, love, and safe. An example is, we love our parents, they keep us safe and make us happy, so that means we are thankful for our parents. Food makes our bellies happy, so we are thankful for our food. Thankful means we are happy to have it. Our shape of focus for the month is the rectangle, our colors to explore include orange, yellow, and brown.

We have no birthdays or transitions this month.

We hope everyone is staying well and washing those hands.

From Todd I: Ms. Cassey, Ms. Kasondra, and Ms. Thol



## Todd II

Welcome to November in Todd II, where we are enjoying all the beautiful sights of fall; the colorful leaves, the squirrels who are busily foraging for acorns. We are excited about the adventures we are jumping into for November, as we prepare for the rush of the holiday season that will soon be upon us.

The week of Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> we will be learning about home & harvest times, as we explore life in early America. We will be making historical themed art with a horse and buggy, cabins, and tools of the times, which were used to make life easier.

The week of Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> we will be learning about Veteran's Day. We would like to invite families to send photos of any family members who have served in the military, so we can set up a history wall. We will not be cutting or altering pictures, we just want to display them. We will return them at the end of the week.

The week of Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> will be about Shopping and preparing for the holidays; be sure to ask your child about the menu they plan for the holidays. If you have any food/grocery advertisements, we would love to have you bring them in, so we can use them for our visual shopping lists. We could also use toy catalogs, and home good catalogs, for making our wish lists for the holidays (it may help with your holiday planning, too).

The week of Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> is all about Thanksgiving, as we prepare for gathering with family, for a dinner, or party, or whatever way in which you observe in times such as these. We will be making turkey themed art, dancing the turkey trot, and learning how to churn butter. We will also make some cornbread to sample the butter on.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours, have a safe and happy

holiday. We are thankful to have such awesome families and friends in Todd II.

Ms. Mandy and Ms. Cindy



**Reminders:**  
**The center will be closed**  
**Veteran's Day,**  
**Wednesday**  
**November 11**

**Thanksgiving Holiday**  
**Thursday and Friday**  
**November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**



## Preschool

It feels like fall out there! I hope everyone had a safe and imaginative Halloween! We sure had fun last month in preschool! Our playground pumpkin hunt was a big hit, and we hope you enjoy the painted masterpieces that came home. This month we are learning about how the weather changes in fall, and how our clothes must change with it. We will do a theme on gardens and harvesting, and what we can do to help the earth be ready in spring. Then, of course we will learn all about those big feathery fellows, the turkeys! Be ready for many handprint turkeys to come home :) To wrap up the month, we will have a short week to learn about Thanksgiving and how each of our families celebrate.

Please remember we are closed Wednesday, Nov 11 for Veteran's Day, and Thursday and Friday, Nov 26-27 for Thanksgiving.

We have two preschool friends turning 4 this month! Mara will be 4 on the 1st, and Caitlin will be 4 on the 14th! Happy birthday, friends!

Thank you to those of you who were able to make it to curriculum night. we do still have some handouts if you still need one. The one thing I want to point out to you is the list on the back titled "10 Questions to Ask Your Preschooler". This is a good way for you to find out what your child is doing here, and their favorite things/people to play with. As always, if you have any questions for me, feel free to grab me at drop off or pick up times, or email a quick note to Tina so she can pass it on to me.

I am continually amazed at how much this class enjoys art! Most everyone will make some kind of art during the day. Several friends love to color, while others like the easel. Please make sure that you are checking your child's art file so you can see all the beautiful expressions they create. Often children draw/create what they are feeling, so a good question about your child's art is "How does this piece make you feel?" or "What were you feeling when you created this?" Direct, open-ended questions, asked without any judgement, can be your ticket to open communication as your child grows older.

As we will learn very soon, the weather is changing!. We do go outside most every day, and as the weather gets colder, children will need warm coats, hats and gloves as well. Also make sure your child's spare clothes are warm for the weather and the appropriate size. They are growing rapidly! We will make sure to have the children put

on a coat (and hat and mittens if necessary) when we go outside.

Thank you for sharing your amazing children!  
Ms. Angela, Ms. Kayla, Ms. Sam and Ms. Kim

**Staff Birthdays:**  
**Ms. Cindy 10th**  
**Pre – K**

Welcome to November!

We are really excited about our themes this month - Shopping, Recycle/Organics/Garbage, Food Science, and Thanksgiving/Native American Heritage - because of the different ideas these themes will bring into our classroom. We will also be focusing on empathy for our Second Step Curriculum, specifically on identifying emotions.

A few reminders and suggestions: It is getting colder, especially in the mornings, and we want to make sure your child is warm enough throughout the day. Please make sure they have the clothing and the coat suitable for the weather that day, even if they don't want to wear it. As we always remind them, it's for that 'just in case' moment. Also, for our children wearing masks, we would like to ask for an extra mask to keep in their extra clothes. That way we always have something should they forget one in the car, or it gets wet, etc.

For our Shopping week, we will talk about going to the store,

shopping for food, clothes, or toys, paying for those things with money, and what happens to the things we buy. We will be setting up shop in our housekeeping area with toy food, play money, and a cash register. This can be a great tie into earning the money to pay for fun things, buying things for ourselves or buying them for others, and when and where we buy. We will also be talking about how things are different now in our current pandemic shopping era. How do you shop? Do you go into the store? Do you order online? Talk to your child about how your family shops.

For our Recycling, Organics, and Garbage week, we will be delving into the three R's of recycling, the difference between Organics and Garbage (particularly at our school), and why these three ideas are important for our world. What system does your family have at home? Do you recycle or compost? Do sanitation workers take your things away or do you throw them away yourself? Do you reuse items? Donate or hand-me-down items? Talk about it at home.

Food Science sounds really cool (it is), but in all honesty, it's just cooking and baking. We will be talking about how different kinds of food interact - with our taste buds and each other - exploring things like "How does bread rise?" and "Why does sugar dissolve, but not salt?" We will be experimenting and tasting all different kinds of food and

spices. What foods are your favorite to eat/cook at home? In what ways, does your child get involved?

For our last week of the month, we will be talking about Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage. We will be talking about the first Thanksgiving, Europeans coming to America for the first time and meeting the Native Americans, both some of the good things and some of the bad things that came from that meeting. We will also be talking about what we are thankful for, and who we'd like to say thank you to. What does your family do for Thanksgiving? Do you celebrate? If so, how and with whom? What kinds of things can your family be thankful for in this season?

5C's will be closed for Veteran's Day, November 11 and November 26th-27th in recognition of Thanksgiving. Charlie will turn 5 on the 18<sup>th</sup> and his movie watching day will be November 13th. Happy Birthday Charlie.

We can't wait for what this month will bring, and are excited for all the new learning opportunities,

Ms. Moriah and Ms. Lori



**Parent Board Update:**

Parent Board Meeting on Thursday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm on zoom if you would like to join.

Discussion on the tuition increase proposal will be the main topic.

The Center is recommending a 5% tuition increase effective 1-1-2021.

**Topic:** 5C's Parent Board Meeting

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87369777069?pwd=Rmw3TWxocnJ3TjUxNWFjOWVYK1V3Zz09>

**Meeting ID:** 873 6977 7069

**Passcode:** 464635

**5Cs COVID Practices Update:**

Children may wear their coats home daily. Thank you for accommodating our practices when the weather was more predictable. Typical WA weather now, we never know if you will need a rain coat, light jacket or a parka! Thanks for your assistance and support attempting to keep us all well and safe!

Thank you for keeping children home for 72 hours when they get sick as well. So far, we are pleased to say that we have only had a few illnesses since June. We are washing hands, wearing masks and washing and sanitizing everything!