



ESCC November News!

Dear Mom and Dad,

November is upon us! Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. Everyone will be busy doing Thanksgiving projects and learning about Native Americans and Pilgrims. Some of the classes will be making a Thanksgiving gift that requires clean baby food jars with covers. If anyone has some to donate, please drop them by the office.

Ms. Landra's class will be inviting their families to come to school for a special Thanksgiving presentation on Wednesday, November 23rd. Ms. Landra's presentation will be at 1:30 PM. Your invitation will be coming soon.

In the spirit of the holiday season, the four-year-old preschool classes will be organizing a food drive. This year we are collecting food for needy families and for animals at the animal shelter. The collection will run from November 14th – December 2nd. The Preschool classes hope **all children in the center will help out** by bringing in one or more non-perishable food items or pet supplies. Some special requests are: condiments, hygiene supplies, cleaning supplies, paper products, and baking items (sugar, flour...) & canned meats (spam, tuna chicken, chili, hash etc...) The animal shelter's current need is for the following items: liquid laundry detergent, Febreze, Pine-sol, dryer sheets, nyla dog bones, old fleece blankets or throws, rugs with rubber backing and small-used pet carriers (no food, please). Ms. Shelby's class will deliver the food on a field trip to the St. John's food pantry. Ms. Lynne's & Ms. Jamie's classes will give the pet supplies to the Hudson Animal Shelter.

Happy November Birthdays



Cody	Molly
Evelyn	Emma
Alivia	Brooke
Benjamin	Kailyn
Michael	Alia
Victoria	Jason



We will be celebrating November Birthdays on Wednesday, November 9th & Thursday, November 10th. Please talk to your child's teacher about celebrating in school.

November also means cold weather and the chance of snow. We like to get the children outside in the fresh air whenever possible, so please send them dressed for the weather. We have found it is a good idea for children to leave a pair of slippers at school to wear on those days when boots are necessary. It would also be a good idea to send in an extra pair of mittens and a hat in case they are needed. Please check to see that extra clothes sent in at the beginning of the school year are appropriate for the season.

Here at Early Start, we attempt to teach children a variety of safety issues. (i.e. seat belt safety, don't talk to strangers, fire safety). One issue that we do not touch upon is sexual molestation, because we never know how children will interpret what we are teaching or what they will say. We do feel, however, that it is a very important issue that should be taught and at a young age. We are recommending a book called "Private Zone" to help with this issue. The book is a very positive way for children to relate to their being safe. Depending on the age of a child, you would go from just reading the book to answering questions to discussion. There is a copy of this book in the parent library for you to borrow.

Quotes about the book are:

- 1.) "Mandatory reading for all children. The belief that it can't happen to your child is naïve. Show your love by reading this book to him." By John Walsh of Adam Walsh Child Resource Center and America's Most Wanted Television Show.
- 2.) PRIVATE ZONE: A Guide For Children To Prevent Sexual Molestation has been designed TO BE READ TO CHILDREN ages 4-11 and is recommended by experts.

Reminders:

- The center will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 24th & 25th for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Please be sure to send in a standard crib sheet with your child's bedding (this is mandated by the state for sanitary reasons). Rest time will be more comfortable with a sheet on their little faces, opposed to a vinyl mat, as well as cutting down on the spread of germs during the cold season.
- The center provides juice and milk for your child's morning and afternoon snacks. We ask that you send in a drink with lunch. Thank you.

Book notes from the ESCC library:

A message from Ms. Mary in the ESCC Library: We, children and adults alike, lead busy, hectic lives. To make the most of those moments when we can share a book together, here are some tips to consider.

- Set aside a special time each day to read
- Share books when you and your child are in a relaxed mood.
- Take advantage of "waiting" times to share books, i.e. on trips, in doctor's office, etc...

"ESCC Happenings"

- Please say "hello" to our new Farmyard afternoon teacher Ms. Allison and Ms. Kim our new afternoon cleaner.
- Congratulations to Skylar, in Ms. Shelby's Elmo's Farmstand. She has an adorable new puppy named "Princess"!
- Three cheers go out to our top selling Cherrydale fundraisers! They include: Joey, Skylar, and Gabriel. Thank you to all who participated.

Thank you to everyone for your contribution to our Halloween/Fall Celebrations.

All of us at ESCC wish you a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Joan & Kathy

