

Miss. Mimi's Bi-Weekly Newsletter



THIS MONTH'S FOCUS:

- ◆ Introduction to practical life and pretend centers
- ◆ Letter Ff and Gg
- ◆ Letter centers(tracing, forming, identifying, sensory play)
- ◆ Working on life skill of building, using different tools and working on tool safety.
- ◆ Introducing different holidays and traditions celebrated across the world .

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 11/11: School closed for Veteran's Day
- Specials: Tuesday Literacy and Thursday Science with Ms. Kathy and Gym with Ms. Rebecca on Fridays

Vocabulary words: Fall/Autumn, November, leaves, leaf, corn stalk, hay, scarecrow, rake, raking, pumpkin, Thanksgiving, thankful, turkey, maize, Wampanoag, People of the First Light, basket, weaving, wetu, wampum, harvest, tradition

Letter of the Week: We will be reviewing our past letters and moving forward with Ff and Gg

Color: Review of all our colors

Shape: Review of all the shapes with a focus on common regular polygons (squares, pentagon, hexagons, octagons)

SUBJECTS

Art: We will be making several Thanksgiving crafts, including some Native American (Wampanoag) specific crafts. We will also be making a group project using different supplies.

Math: Introduction to early math concepts with skills such as pattern making, sequencing, 1 to 1 association and ideas of more and less. We will also be working on spatial awareness and matching patterns over lines of symmetry.

Science : Discussing the changes in the weather and how that affects the world around us through observations.

Writing/ Literacy: Continuing name recognition and understanding that the letters on the page form individual words. We will also begin decoding words and learning some sight words.

Centers: Various activities designed to help strengthen fine motor skills such as pincer and tripod grips, finger dexterity, and in hand manipulation. Includes sensory bin with tongs, tweezer games, puzzle making, building with magnets and blocks and more. Additionally, continuing the letter of the week center which is a multisensory experience tracing, forming, identifying and matching the letter of the week.

UNITS OF STUDY

Circle Time: Learning Days of the Week, Months of the Year songs, the weather and spelling the day and month and the Pledge of Allegiance in English. Also, working on being able to sit attentively and being respectful listeners when others talk as we take turns speaking.

Spanish: Learning 1-10 and the days of the week, month, weather words and introducing colors and feelings in Spanish

ASL: Introducing the concept and usage of ASL to learn weather signs and some letters (M,T,W,H,F) for the days as well as the letter of the week, weather and some emotion words.

Life Skills:We will also be continuing our building unit where we will learn how to use different tools (hammers, drills, screwdrivers, saws) in a safe manner.

We will also begin the process of deciding and making plans for our individual builds later on in the unit.