

First Congregational Learning Center Newsletter

Director's Notes:

Don't forget to RSVP to the Family Feast, November 15th, 11:00-12:30. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway by the infant room. You can also email me and I will add you on the list. Please remember that we are closed Thursday November 24th and Friday, November 25th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. As always I am available to all of you. Feel free to call, email or make an appointment to talk in person. (kchoate@uccdg.org/630-206-4910) *Ms. Kimberly*



Infant News (Room 204)

Hard to believe it's November. The infant room is always filled with exciting news. During this month we will be working on fine motor skills by practicing stacking cubes and using crayons. The infants will be working on the pincer grasp to pick up small things. The pincer grasp is something that emerges during the 10th to the 12th month of the child's first year. It's when a small object is held between the distal pads of the opposed thumb and index or middle finger.

The weather has been so up and down the past couple of weeks. Please make sure we have warm clothes for your child including hats and mittens because we like to take the children out for fresh air. Also, feel free to send slippers or shoes for all the infants because those tiny socks tend to fall off. We are going to set up our family picture board. Please send a picture so your child can enjoy seeing their families up there too. We are looking forward to Thanksgiving and the holiday season. If you have any questions or concerns, we are always available.

Toddler News (Room 202)



This month we have worked on strengthening our small motor skills with finishing our self portraits, making, baking and tasting, both a pumpkin and apple pie as well as exploring with drawing and scissor cutting. Our walks through town, playing at the park, engaging in songs like "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes", and our action story "Spunky Little Monkey" have provided an environment for strengthening our large muscles. We have been working on health and safety with simple classroom rules and understanding the importance of cleanliness like cleaning up after ourselves and proper hand washing before and after meals and activities. While at the table we are learning to engage in conversations with our peers, using our manners to ask for things and being helpful to our friends and teachers.

Preschool News (Room 203)

Are you ready for the cooler weather we've been feeling? We are excited about the change that occurs as things shift from Fall to Winter. November brings the opportunity to experience and learn about the transformation that occur during this season. Seasons bring change and a perfect opportunity to do something new, something bold, something beautiful. What happens to fruits and vegetables? How do farmers get their land and animals ready for colder weather? What changes do WE notice and experience this time of the year? Embrace change and look for wonder in all this season brings! November also brings a time to put EXTRA focus on being thankful as we learn about the very first Thanksgiving and what it means to be thankful. We will discuss different ways to celebrate this Holiday and we hope you and your families are able to join us for yummy food, friendship, and fun at our annual Family Feast! We surely are thankful for all of you!

Preschool News (Room 205)

The month of November brings the study of leaves to our class through our Clifford Reader followed by discussions of gathering together with friends and family for a shared meal. The children can shop for a feast in the dramatic play area and we'll discuss the concept of gratefulness during group time. Each friend will decorate a feather for our classroom turkey as a homework assignment. The idea of working together to create something will be put into practice. We will continue the study of the alphabet with letters H, I, J and then review of all the letters we've learned so far. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's fall semester review, there is a conference sign up sheet posted on our door.