

First Congregational Learning Center



Infant News (Room 204)

Our crisp fall days are getting colder, so we will enjoy exploring our outdoor world while we still are able. This month we are looking at faces and facial expressions through songs, books, and action rhymes. With face masks becoming a staple in most aspects of our students lives outside of the home; we hope to introduce the concept of our feelings and the feelings of others. Social Emotional skills are so important as they help us build positive relationships and become understanding and compassionate people. An activity you can incorporate at home is taking some time to explore and experiment making faces in the mirror. From happy to sad talk with your child about the different expressions you are doing (they may even make some themselves 😊).



Toddler News (Room 202):

It's hard to believe we are already talking about November! The biggest conversation in November will be Thanksgiving! As we encourage the toddlers to discuss things they are thankful for, we will talk about our families! We will participate in give and take conversation about who is in our family! In October, Duke welcomed his new baby sister Hayley!

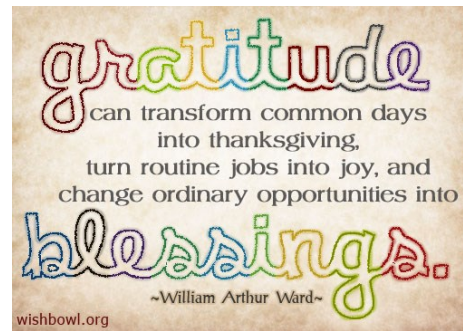
One other area we continue to work on with our toddlers is listening! We are working together to clean as a class and follow simple directions when the teachers give us the tasks to do! It is very important to foster this skill to ensure proper interactions with peers and adults. At home, we encourage you to give your toddler simple directions to follow, help them to make sure they follow through and understand what is being asked!

As a class, we have been very interested in constructions machines! Recently, we were able to observe the house that was being torn down! We saw excavators and bobcats lifting the pieces away from the hole in the ground! We have also been observing the other new builds around town to notice the machines they are using as well! At each construction site, we use our senses of hearing to hear the noises as well as our sense of seeing and smelling!

We are so thankful for each of you! Have a wonderful holiday season and stay safe!

Young Preschool News (Room 203):

As we quickly approach our holiday season we are all preparing for different types of celebrations to keep us safe and happy. Just because it will be unlike any year before, it doesn't mean we aren't grateful for our many blessings (your children are one of the teachers' biggest ones). In our classroom we will continue to learn about our many emotions and healthy ways to express them. One of the emotions we will focus on for November will be gratitude. We will be making a thankfulness tree where we will all share what we appreciate and we will put this alongside our family tree (photos). Along with expressing what we are grateful for we will continue to explore the habitats of our favorite animals. Discovering where animals live, what they eat and how they are alike and different from us will be quite the adventure. We want you to know you and your family are important and loved!



Preschool News (Room 205):

The month of November will begin with us voting for our favorite treat, will the preschoolers vote for popcorn, cookies or ice cream, we'll have to wait and see! We'll also read stories about what it means to vote and use our wooden blocks to create the White House. Our other weekly activities will continue, like graphing the weather, tracing and drawing in our journals and practicing our numbers and letters through the use of games and interest centers.

Although 2020 has been challenging in many ways, we still have a lot to be thankful for this year, both at home and at school. This concept of thankfulness will be explored through stories and projects. Keep checking the app for those interesting question responses and fun photos. We always enjoy reading your comments.