

Dear Families,

Thank you all so much for signing up to bring supplies for our feast! On our feast day, we would like at least one caregiver be present for each preschooler. Please let a teacher know if that will not be possible. Our feast is a fun, family event and the kids will work hard preparing the food.

### Our ACP Feast!

When: Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 2019

Where: Marie Murphy School Room 139

Time: 10:30(AM class) and 2:00(PM class).

School will end once the feast has ended.



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### Teaching Strategies GOLD: Progress Reports

Student progress reports will be sent home prior to Thanksgiving break. The reports are very detailed and will give you a glimpse at how your child is doing at school! Please contact a teacher with any questions or concerns regarding these reports.

### Snow Pants and Snow Boots

Please do not send your preschooler to school in snow pants and boots with a change of shoes. We will only go outside if we give you notice so that we can make sure everyone has the appropriate outerwear. On other days, it's very difficult for all of the kids to remove snow pants and boots, then change shoes. It eats up instructional time.

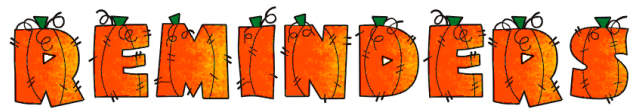
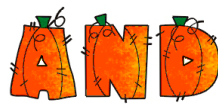
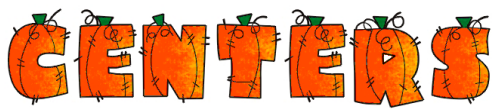
Thank you so much in advance for your understanding!

### Building a Reader

Reading for just 10-15 minutes every day will greatly benefit your child! Here are some tips to help your child become a reader:

- Have your child turn the pages.
- Encourage your child to fill in rhymes as you read.
- Notice patterns in the text or illustrations
- Have your child be the "reader" and read the pictures to you.
- Notice and talk about letters and the sounds they make.
- Read books yourself to model good reading habits and help your child value books!





Center	Activities	Why are these activities so important?
<b>Blocks</b>	Train tracks and train set Community garages	Creative play; turn taking; strengthening fine and gross motor skills; task persistence and problem solving
<b>Table Toys and Games</b>	Turkey feather math game Turkey color and shape matching Thanksgiving trace and color page	Visual discrimination; measurement and size; turn taking with a peer; hand-eye coordination
<b>Dramatic Play</b>	Making Soup -bowls and ladles -various vegetables -kitchen supplies	Developing language and social skills; socialization and building friendships; imaginative and pretend play; sharing materials and turn taking
<b>Writing</b>	Fall word wall, paper, crayons, markers, scissors and stickers	Fine motor skills; early literacy; language development
<b>Library</b>	Fall-themed books Friendship and sharing books	Book-handling skills; social interactions; imaginative and pretend play; early literacy
<b>Sensory</b>	Build-a-Turkey play dough activity with feathers, eyes and number stamps  Sensory- water table, pots, pans, spoons, bowls and plastic vegetables	Sensory; fine motor development; volume and measurement; science concepts- sink/float, solid/liquid, hard/soft; sharing materials with peers
<b>Snack</b>	Snack as a full group	Self-help; language development and social skills
<b>Art</b>	Turkey handprints, placemats for feast	Expressing creativity; developing fine motor skills; Applying new knowledge
<b>Science</b>	Exploring magnets, magnetic puzzles	Exploring cause and effect; making observations; turn taking with peers

### Important Dates

- 21<sup>st</sup>- Family Friendship Feast
- 25<sup>th</sup>- No School (Teacher Contract Day)
- 26<sup>th</sup>- No School (Teacher Institute Day)
- 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>- Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)

### November Birthdays

- 5<sup>th</sup>- Zev (PM)
- 11<sup>th</sup>- Ethan (AM) \*Our new preschool friend\*
- 14<sup>th</sup>- Emilia (AM)
- 30<sup>th</sup>- Ridley (AM)