

### November in the Chick-a-dee Class

**Dear Chick-a-dee Families:**

**Don't forget to put our Classroom Calendar in a special location and refer to it before leaving for school! In November we have: Election Day and Thanksgiving!**

### **Social-Emotional Development: Objectives for November & for the School Year:**

**Manner Word of the Month & Always is THANK YOU!** We will be practicing saying, "Thank You" throughout the day. The children will learn to use this wonderful word by listening to stories, through role-playing and examples. The children will be reminded to say, "Thank You" whenever they are given something by their teachers and friends. In addition, when we talk about Thanksgiving, we will ask the children who and what they are thankful for.

**I Can Wash and Dry My Hands!** As you can imagine, the Chick-a-dees make many trips to the bathroom. In November we are going to work on helping the children to wash their hands properly. They will: stand on the little bench, turn on the water, squirt soap on their hands, rub and scrub, rinse off, shake hands and then dry! This of course will be done with lessons and adult supervision!



### **What Can You Do at Home?**

1. Encourage and remind your child to say "Thank You"!
2. Work on having your child wash and dry their hands at home!

## **Physical Development: Gross Motor (Large Muscle) Objectives & Activities for November:**

### **Discovering Different Ways to Move our Bodies:**

**Following the Turkey Tracks:** The teacher will place “turkey tracks” (strips of masking tape) around the gym room. The children will move along the path in a variety of ways, including tiny steps, large steps and stomping steps.

**Harvest Toss:** During gym time the teacher will place a bushel basket a desired distance from a marked start line. The teacher will put a container of plastic fruits and vegetables near the line. The children will take turns standing on the line and attempts to toss the fruits and vegetables in the basket!

**Stuff the Turkey:** During gym time the teacher will place a “turkey” (a grocery bag shaped like a turkey) on the floor and the children will “stuff” the turkey - by throwing roll up newspaper balls into the turkey!

**Standing On One Foot:** During gym time the children will listen to yoga songs that encourage the children to do the “Tree Pose”. The Tree Pose is a basic yoga pose used to promote balance and centering.



## **Fine Motor (Small Muscle) Objectives & Activities for November:**

**Turkey Stack!** The teacher will attach turkey cut outs to blocks. The children will make a stack of turkeys to see how tall the stack can get before it “wobbles” over.

**Let's Make Brown Cinnamon Toast!** The teacher will toast a slice of bread for each child. She will ask the children to compare their toasted bread with plain bread. Which one is brown? The teachers will help the children spread butter on their toast and the children will take turns sprinkling a small amount of cinnamon sugar on their toast! What a yummy snack!



### **What Can You Do at Home?**

I. Dance, Change Body Positions (stand up, sit down, crawl, slither, etc.)!

2. Play with big lacing beads!
3. Paint a picture using a stubby paintbrush!
4. Review "IN" and "OUT"!

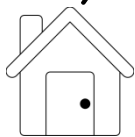
### LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT:

#### **Language Development Objectives & Activities for November:**

**Naming People in My Family:** November is truly a "Thankful Month" and we will be doing many thankful activities centering around Thanksgiving. The children will name people in their family and we will think of why we are thankful for our family.

**Floppy, Floppy Scarecrows!** The teacher will have a bag full of scarecrow parts: Head, hands, legs, feet, arms and whole body. The children will take turns pulling a card from the bag and then identify the body part on the card. Next, the teacher will lead the children in reciting the following rhyme as they bend and flop the appropriate body part. This will continue until all the children have had a turn. *The funny, funny scarecrow guards the fields all day. It waves its floppy, floppy (arms) To scare the crows away!*

**"Thank You For the World So Sweet"** The children recite this adorable poem before snack and lunchtime every time they are at school: *"Thank you for the world so sweet (arms form a circle in front forming the world), Thank you for the food we eat (Bring a pretend fork to your mouth), Thank you for the birds that sing (Flap arms like wings), Thank you, Thank you for everything".*



#### **What Can You Do at Home?**

1. Look at family photos and have your child name family members and say why they love them.
2. At your Thanksgiving Meal recite "Thank You For the World So Sweet".

### COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT:

#### **Cognitive Development Objectives & Activities for November:**

**Shows Curiosity and Motivation:** Uses senses to explore their environment.

**Fall Exploration!** The children will explore things from the fall. Using their hands, looking through magnifying glasses and plastic tweezers (to pick up objects) the children will explore: fall leaves, pumpkins, gourds, and Indian corn!

## **ACADEMIC SKILLS IN NOVEMBER**

1. **Opposites: Big and Little:** The children will use their senses as they learn “Big” and “Little”!
  - **Handwriting Without Tears:** The teacher will put big and little wooden lines and curves on the table. As the children look and feel the lines and curves they will sort into piles: Big Lines, Little Lines, Big Curves and Little Curves.
  - **Sorting Laundry:** The teacher will have a laundry basket filled with a big and little shirt, a pair of big and little pants, a pair of big and little socks, etc. The children will sort the laundry into two piles: Big Clothes/Little Clothes.
2. **Counting Turkeys!** The children will count 5 turkeys as they sing the song “Five Little Turkeys”.
3. **Fun with Brown:**
  - **Which Bag?:** The teacher will set out 1 brown lunch bag and 4 white lunch bags that are colored purple, orange and yellow. She will give the children big pom-poms that are brown, purple, orange and yellow. The children will put the brown pom-pom in the brown bag, the yellow pom-pom in the white bag marked yellow, etc.
  - **Brown Craft:** The children will make a “Brown Craft” for their color book! I wonder what they will make!
  - **STEAM & Songs for November:** Please check out the November North Plainfield Giving Nest Newsletter for our STEAM and Songs for the month!



## **What Can You Do at Home?**

1. Look at the things we are doing above and review with your child.

If you ever have any questions, concerns, etc. please put a note in your child's take-home folder and I will give you a call.

