



## November Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope all is well with you and your family. The scenery is so beautiful outside these days. I hope you have a great time with your family to enjoy and remember this wonderful season together.

During the month of November, the children will learn more details of the continent of North America, the life cycle and parts of a pumpkin, parts of a turkey, etc. We will also discuss the special holiday: the Thanksgiving Day, the First Thanksgiving Feast celebrated by the Pilgrims and Native Americans, and the ship called, Mayflower, used by the Pilgrims to come to America.

The practical life activities are introduced to help children develop independence, coordination of movement, order, concentration, grace and courtesy, etc. Many children are interested in lacing beadwork, food (imitation) cutting work, transferring works with various small tools, table setting work, water works, etc.

In art area, the children will be working on making turkeys, Pilgrim hats, Native American hats, leaf rubbing works, coloring activities, etc. All the art projects are related to the themes we would be studying throughout this month.

In Sensorial area, many activities have been already introduced to help children develop and refine their senses. The color boxes have been presented to differentiate each distinct color, visually. A mystery box is to develop stereognostic sense. To achieve this, the children are supposed to mentally visualize what they are touching in the box before pulling it out to look at it.

In Language and Math areas, the children are presented with many different activities depending on their levels. The sounds of letters are introduced by using sand paper letters, objects, and pictures so that the children can associate the sounds and letters easily by seeing, feeling, and hearing. As a group activity, the children are introduced to a new letter to study its name and sound. In math, the children are working on associating numbers and quantities by using concrete materials to have better number senses. We always discuss various math problems involving addition and subtraction by using manipulatives during the circle time. The children can find the solutions easily when using the visual aids to solve problems.

The older children and the ones who are ready are working on reading books, writing picture stories, doing addition, skip counting, subtraction, etc., depending on their levels. All the children are progressing nicely and positively.

### Reminders

- ❖ The school will be closed on Thursday, November 22nd, and Friday, November 23rd, for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- ❖ If your child will be absent, due to illness or vacation, please let us know.
- ❖ Also, please send in the warm clothes that are appropriate for the fall season.
- ❖ The due date for the tuition payment is the 5<sup>th</sup> day of each month. Thank you very much for your prompt payment.