

November Curriculum

Our November curriculum ideas are designed to allow children to express their appreciation for what they see and love in the world around them. This month we will work on sharing our artistic and literary abilities with one another in order to foster appreciation for our own thoughts, knowledge, and ideas, as well as those of our friends. We will also focus on thankfulness, friendship, family and health. The following are ways for children to explore with one another enabling them to learn and share what they know about the world around them.

November work for ongoing 2013-2014 Projects:

Friendship Study:

Ask children what they would like to learn about their friends.

Make a piece of art that makes you think about your friend.

Content Areas: Literacy, fine motor, writing, visual arts, social studies



Mailboxes:

Mailbox writing buddies

Write one letter to a friend

Birthday cards to: [REDACTED]

Content Areas: Literacy, fine motor, writing, communicating, social studies

Journals:

One picture

One daily plan *or* reflection (Some reflections for October and November are in our story book. Children reflected on their friends stories!)

Content Areas: Literacy, fine motor, writing, communicating, visual arts, social studies

Color Wall:

A look at what is in our world as we set up and fill it with colors of brown.

We will paint, color, and draw what we see in the world that represents the color brown.

Similar but different brown works of art using homemade stamps and paint.

We will also include other forms of media, natural materials



and use the children's interests to be our guide for color as well.

Content Areas: Literacy, fine motor, writing, communicating, visual arts, social studies, mathematics, science

Ongoing projects from September through December:

We will work on the following projects from September through December and again from January through April. The following projects are designed to meet all of the Colorado state standards and prepare children for kindergarten entry. They are also based on the Reggio Emilia approach to education and incorporate student creativity and innovation by including their individual thoughts and ideas. Because we will cycle through each of these projects twice parents will be able to review their child's progress and development. Please feel free to view our ongoing projects and work sampling portfolios throughout the year at your convenience.

Science Documentation Notebook: We will document our thoughts and observations about seasonal changes, weather, herbs and other science projects (that will be listed under monthly science projects).

Emotion Cards and Video Clips: We will create our own emotion cards, have ongoing emotional discussions, and demonstrate our understanding with an individual video clip for each student.

Job Days!: Each month we plan to have two or three job days! Job days are designed to meet some of the math and social studies (economics and civics) state standards. Job days are also designed to be fun!

Here is how it works:

Students will come in the morning and check our job chart to see what their job for the morning is. Upon completion of the job each child will be paid three play money dollars to be kept in a safe place. At snack time children will spend their three dollars to buy three healthy snack items of their choice (all with some protein☺).

Language Story Sample and Feedback: Each child will dictate a story and draw an illustration to go with it. Children will listen and respond to another classmate's story by answering the following questions:

What was the story about?

What was your favorite part of the story?

Was the story true or make-believe?

What can you tell me about the illustration?

If you could ask the author one question about the story what would it be?

Poem or Rhyme and Alliteration:

Children will write a poem or dictate words that rhyme and practice alliteration. We will count syllables and practice alliteration and rhyme using their dictated sample.

Alphabet, Name and Number Recognition:

Students will point out lower and capital letters they recognize and numbers one through ten and we will document their knowledge. Students will provide a writing sample of their own name.

Problem and Solution Safety Book:

We will create a book of problems and solutions based on children's dictations. The book will include ways to keep ourselves, each other and our school safe.

Neighborhood Observation Book:

We will take nature walks, photograph and document our observations.

Math Activities:

Shape activities: art, sorting, and labeling

Patterns: how to create and use patterns

Art project with buttons to help learn how to group things that are small, medium, and large.

Learn about the sequence of events by studying the growth of a flower.

Measurements: using our own bodies, hands, feet, heads etc.

New in November:

Art project with names, small and large letters

Shape stamps and counting



Novmeber Projects and Activities:

Color of the month: **Brown**

Herb and Herbal infusion of the month: **Ginger**

October Calendar Events: **Parent-teacher conferences, Job days, Food**

Rainbow, Day of the Dead

Science Activities:

Focus: **Germs, Immune System & Being Healthy, and Gratitude**

Tuesdays	Thursdays
5th: Make our playdough for the month: Ginger Snap Playdough	7th: GERM DAY Talk about germs, set up germ experiments to run through the next week (including

	predications), replicate a sneeze, have kids draw what they think a germ looks like and write down what they think it does.
12th: Read Nana's Remedies Ginger Day with Foot Soaks & Ginger Tea Tasting	14th: Elderberry Day, read Nana's Remedies again and make elderberry syrup and check out what happened with our germ experiments
19th: Gratitude or Appreciation Jar: Have kids bring a jar into decorate. Fill with notes about what they are thankful for and add good memories/thankful notes to the jar.	21st: Food Rainbow

Indoor Environment and Set Up:

Seasonal Tree

Our seasonal tree is in the block/reading room. It will change with the seasons!

November Calendar

Exciting events that we are looking forward to this month are: One birthday, Day of the Dead, job days and our food rainbow day! We are going to add them all to our November calendar and count down to our upcoming special events.



Show and share:

Week 1 (November 4-8): Something brown

Week 2 (November 11-15): Something your child uses to relax or take care of himself/herself. (Please bring things that are safe)

Week 3 (November 18-22): A written dictation about something your mom or dad does that you are thankful for.

What we are thankful for reflection:

Children express what they are thankful for and we document.

November Job Days:

Monday, November 11th

Friday, November 15th

Wednesday, November 20th

November Birthday: [REDACTED]

On your child's birthday we will make birthday cards, bake a cake and invite you to lunch for a special celebration. Please email us to set up an exact date. Thanks!



Movement Class

We will focus on activities and dances that reflect what we see in nature

We will foster appreciation for dancing talent we see in our friends.

We will begin to practice our holiday show dance.

Books

The books of the month are on the bookshelf next to the cozy corner and on the science table.

November books are about nature and seasonal changes, health, family, friends and thankfulness.

Special Class Activities Schedule:

Dance class on Wednesday

Spanish class on Mondays

Music class on Fridays

Herbs, Art and Science with Ms. Angela on Tuesdays and Thursdays