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Front Desk News

October Fun

October was a fun and busy month between going to the pumpkin patch, the Halloween carnival and the classroom parties everyone had lots of fun! A big thank you to all the parents who helped out, we couldn't have had such a successful month without you!

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, November 22nd** during your child's regular lunchtime. As in the past, the center provides turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy. There will be a sign-up sheet on the classroom doors for other items for our luncheon party. If you are able to get away from work, or can take an early lunch hour, we would love to have you here. **Please** let the teachers know if you can attend. Snuggle Bunnies and Tiger Cubs eat at 10:45 a.m. Fuzzy Ducks and Bouncy Bears eat at 11:00 a.m. Please remember that parking can get tight, if need be you can park in the old Safeway parking lot.

IF your Child is Sick

It is the center policy that if your child is sick, they cannot return to care until 24 hours after their last incident. Being sick includes, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, or any kind of infection. We know that taking time off can be difficult, but we ask you keep them home for 24 hours, this helps ensure that other children don't get sick too!

Label Items

Please remember to label all belongings. It is hard to keep track of each child's belongings, especially if some children have matching items. If coats, backpacks, extra clothes aren't labeled they might end up going home with the wrong family.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thanksgiving is fast approaching. The center will be closed Thursday November 24th. However we will be open **8am-4pm** on Friday the 25th. We will have a sign up sheet at the front desk for this day. If you think that your child will be attending on this day, please sign up. Know that we will turn you away on Friday if you aren't signed up, because we staff the center according to the number of children expected. Thank you for understanding.

NOVEMBER THEMES

- **November 1-4**
Forest Friends
- **November 7-11**
Pilgrims & Natives
- **November 14-18**
Harvest Stew
- **November 21-25**
Happy Thanksgiving
- **November 28-30**
'Tis the Season

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Veteran' Day
November 11
Panther Field Trip

Thanksgiving Luncheon
November 22nd

Center Closed
November 24th

Shortened Holiday Hours
November 25th
8am-4pm
PRIOR Sign up required



Thanksgiving



Holiday Fun

Marshmallow Pilgrim Hats

Ingredients

- 24 chocolate-striped shortbread cookies
- 12-ounce package of chocolate chips
- 24 marshmallows
- tube of yellow decorators' frosting

Instructions

Set the chocolate-striped cookies stripes down on a wax-paper-covered tray, spacing them well apart.

Melt the chocolate chips in a microwave or double boiler.

One at a time, stick a wooden toothpick into a marshmallow, dip the marshmallow into the melted chocolate, and promptly center it atop a cookie.

Using a second toothpick to lightly hold down the marshmallow, carefully pull out the first toothpick.

Chill the hats until the chocolate sets, then pipe a yellow decorators' frosting buckle on the front of each hat.



Turkey Candelabra

Prop the pumpkin at an angle on the platter so the top points up at a 45-degree slant. If it doesn't balance easily, use a knife to cut a slice from underneath to create a flat base.

Cut off the top 5 inches of a large butternut squash for the turkey head, then attach it to the top of the pumpkin with skewer halves. Use the tip of a vegetable peeler or a craft knife to dig out 2 small slits for the eyes and push a dried black-eyed pea into each slit.

Cut the sides from the bottom half of the butternut squash, then use a craft knife to cut V shapes into each piece for turkey toes. Set the feet in place on the platter.

Mark the candle holes toward the back of the pumpkin, at least an inch apart. Don't place them too far down the back; the candles should stick out at a slight angle, no more than 45 degrees, or they'll drip.

Use a craft knife or the tip of a vegetable peeler to cut the holes, making sure they are slightly smaller than the candles, for a snug fit. If you cut the holes too big, wrap tinfoil or a pipe cleaner around the base of each candle, then push it into the hole far enough so that it's stable.

For a wattle, bend a piece of sun-dried tomato over the top of the beak and, if necessary, secure it with a piece of toothpick.

Turkey Trot Game

In this wacky backyard contest, players pair up with their elbows linked, and each team is handed a turkey mascot. You can make a mascot by taping a colored-paper turkey head to one end of a football. (You can also just stuff a brown bag with crumpled newspaper and draw on a face with colored markers.)

On cue, the pairs try to make their way to the finish line at the far end of the playing field.

The first team to get there without dropping their bird or unlinking their arms wins.

