



Cathedral House Monthly November 2007

Dates to Know:

Nov. 4 Fall
Back - time to change the
clocks!

Nov. 8 & 29 Arts
Alive

Nov. 12 - 18 Chil-
dren's Book Week

Nov. 15 Family
Feast 5:00 - 6:00

Nov. 22 & 23 Thanksgiv-
ing Holidays School Closed

December Dates:

Dec. 13 Annual
Holiday Program - Mark
Your Calendars!

Dec. 24 - Jan 1 Winter
Break - See You on Wed.
Jan. 2, 2008

Our 2007 Family Feast

On Thursday November 15th, we invite our families to share in our "family feast". Join us to meet and mingle with families and teachers, as we eat yummy food.

Sign-up sheets will be posted on the classroom doors for families to share. Please note the following:

- Provide **cooked and prepared** foods.

- Prepare the amount that would feed a family of 6.
- Use disposable heat-able containers.
- Select "kid friendly" foods (see the suggestions on each sign-up sheet).
- Have all items at school no later than 12:00 noon.
- Our Feast will begin at 5:00 pm.

- Pick your child/children up in their classroom and join us in Treebeards for the Feast.

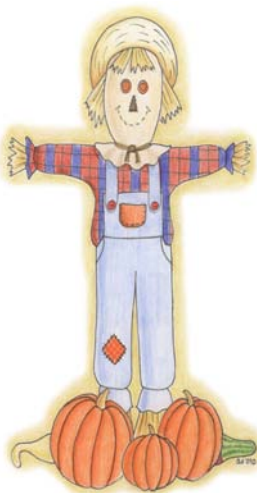
Parking:

In the Cathedral Garage located on San Jacinto.

***If you will not be attending, please pick up your child/children by 5:00 pm.**

Bringing Brown

As our theme - A Rainbow of My Own - continues, *Bringing Brown* is our November focus. The weather is turning cooler, Thanksgiving is approaching, and brown is seen all around. This month we will learn, sing, and read about bears, turkeys, and deer, and travel along with the Pilgrims to find the New World. As the Pilgrims and native Americans celebrate the bounty of the harvest, they enjoy the first Thanksgiving. The smells and tastes of Thanksgiving, (cranberries, spices, corn, and more) will be part of our learning this month. Other concepts to be explored are - sink and float, animal tracks, fractions, and the sense of sight.



November Birthdays

November 1 Anthony Foti 2 years old

November 6 Ryan Stinneford 1 years old

November 7 Isabelle Ganchan 1 year old

November 9 Georgia Sperandio 1 year old

November 11 Anna Graber 4 years old

November 15 Ian Stinneford 5 years old

November 18 Sydney Cricks 3 years old

November 20 Emily Deaton 2 years old

November 24 Liam Coffey 4 years old



Teachers Celebrating

Ms. Alma November 3 Floater

Ms. Avelon November 15 Toddler

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During the holiday season, we are frequently bombarded with advertisements for children's toys that are often expensive or inappropriate, and many adults find themselves at a loss when trying to decide on the right gift for that special child in their lives. Selecting toys for young children is an important task that involves decisions about the kinds of interests, motivation, and skills we want children to develop. Any toy given to a child should match his or her developmental age and individual needs.

When choosing a toy, careful attention should be paid to safety and durability--materials should have lasting play value and help provide a foundation for future development. Following are some ideas for inexpensive, and most important, fun play materials for the early years:

Birth through six months

Toys for young infants should promote their interest in looking, listening, sucking, and grasping. Well-secured, unbreakable crib mirrors, rag dolls, stuffed toys and simple hand puppets moved by an adult are all age appropriate gifts that can either be made or purchased for a minimal amount of money.

6 to 12 months

Infants from 6-12 months are able to enjoy a wider variety of toys which support their social, cognitive, and physical development. Floating objects for bath play, construction materials, simple puzzles, cloth and board books, and balls are durable options for young children at this stage.

1 to 2 years

Toddlers are increasingly mobile and independent. Dressing, lacing, and stringing materials, picture and nursery rhyme books, nontoxic crayons for scribbling, and stacking materials will be enjoyed by one-year-olds, while role-playing toys, pegboards, and large balls to kick, throw, and catch are good choices for older toddlers.

3 to 5 years

Three- to five-year-olds often find enjoyment from materials that promote pretend play and foster their language and social skills. A large variety of books suitable for this age are available, as well as an assortment of blocks, dress-up clothes and simple games, including dominoes, bingo boards, and card games.





Children's Book Week November 12 - 18

- Visit your local library
- Be a Guest Reader in your child's class
- Spend time at Barnes and Nobles - 2:00 pm on Sunday afternoons is Children's Story time at the Galleria location.

Arts Alive in November

Our usual schedule for Arts Alive will be altered a bit during this Holiday season. Mark you calendars for November 8th and 29th.

There will be *no* Arts Alive in December.

Cook Books For Sale!

Are you looking for that special gift? We have a great suggestion. From deep in our storage (under the benches upstairs) we have found several copies of the 2007 edition of "From Our House to Yours" cookbooks. All proceeds from the cookbooks go directly to the Teacher Fund. Is your family new to Cathedral House? Do you have a new secretary this year? Someone you haven't given a cook book to? Available for purchase NOW!

\$20.00



Fall Festival 2007



From the classrooms.....

Nursery I:

The month of October blew in with cooler beautiful weather making afternoon strolls a part of our daily routine. Please remember to have weather appropriate clothing available for your child. To get our class in the Halloween spirit, we painted feet and toes to make the cutest bats. **Before signing in any medications for your child, please check the dosage information. If your child's age is NOT listed, we can not administer without written permission from your doctor. Forms are available for the doctor to fill out, and kept on file at school for up to one year.

Movement I:

October was a fun month for Movement I. We learned all about the color orange, and made several Halloween art projects. Didn't we look so cute in our costumes during the parade? Every year the Fall Festival is so much fun. Just think how big we will be next year! Ms. Patricia has begun introducing us to Spanish. We are working on learning - eyes (ojos), nose (nariz), and counting to 3 (uno, dos, tres). We even sang a few songs in Spanish. Joining our fun group in November will be Jacqueline Helmke, Luke Peterson, and Georgia Sperandio.

Nursery II:

We had so many accomplishments in October. Luke, Isabelle, and Georgia took off walking with Jacqueline quickly following. Claire and Isabella are pulling up and crawling everywhere. Our master slider is Brendan, he loves to slide down the slide. Soon we will see Annalise crawl and Catherine get up on all fours. If you need a smile, stop by and say hi to Max. He is full of smiles every day. In November you may see brown paint on the hands or feet of your child, it's just us having fun!

Movement II:

In October there were many lessons on colors, especially orange. Our lessons included, sorting, matching and painting with colors. The children's favorite lesson this month has been, matching the colored Mommy to Baby Bears. For Halloween, we painted pumpkins for our hallway pumpkin patch, made ghosts with our feet, and pasted black tissue on bats. In October we welcomed Alexis Shor to our class. Joining her in November will be Hazel, Sam, and Oliver. We look forward to having them in Movement II.

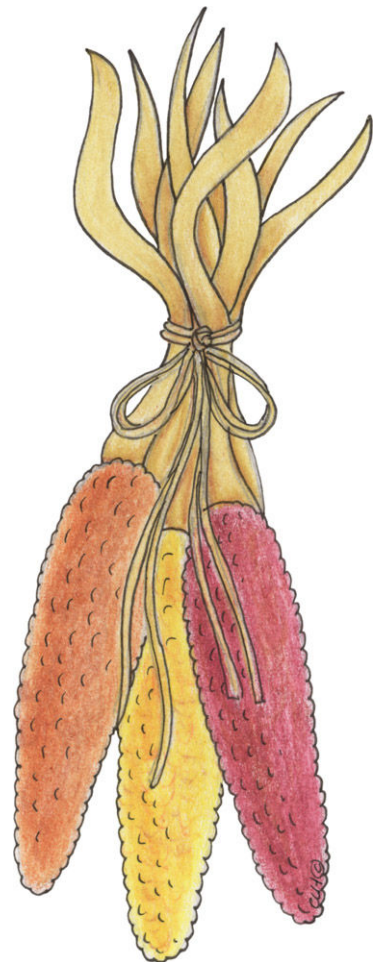
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Toddler I:

During the month of October, Toddler I learned about the color orange (anaranjado), number games helped us to learn numerals 1 - 5, and we stayed extra busy with art projects. We took turns dressing up as a bruja (witch), momia (mummy), and fantasma (ghost). This month we really focused on our motor skills, fine and gross. Our lessons helped to strengthen our pincher grip (getting fingers ready to hold a pencil) and during circle songs and games help to build our gross motor coordination. We were all very excited about our Fall Festival and Halloween party. Both were a blast! With the cooler weather approaching, please keep an extra sweater in your child's cubbie for those unexpected fall breezes. Help us welcome our newest Toddler I'ers - Emily Deaton, Cate McClees and Luke Newman.

Toddler II:

This month was filled with lots of spooky Halloween fun. Bats and spiders were our creepy crawly creature of the month and we had a fabulous time dancing and acting out "Five Black and Hairy Bats". During Montessori work time we focused on position words as well as establishing our ground rules. The class's favorite book this month was "Scary Scary Halloween" by Eve Bunting. They loved it! We even read it with the lights off. Our color this month was orange. The children and teachers talked about orange things, explored seeds, learned the difference between plants and animals, and living and non-living. Thank you to everyone for all your help in making our Halloween party a success. Toddler II is excited to welcome new friends in the month of November. Tessa Peterson, Max Kalba, Sarah Marten, and Kinsey Davis will be changing hallways and joining TII this month.



From the classrooms.....

Primary I:

Our eyes and ears opened up to the sights and sounds of October. We enjoyed singing songs like "The Goblin in the Dark" and "I'm a Nut". We showed our creativity in pumpkins, cats, spiders, and scarecrows. Lessons included Parts of a Spider and Parts of a Jack-o-lantern using our nomenclature (3 part cards). Our class put on our scientific hats and performed an experiment on a seed. We watched the process of germination. Watching the seed sprout was very exciting. Did you know a plant needs 3 things to grow? Heat, light, and water. The children will bring home their snow pea plant soon. Help us welcome Patrick Farmer, Jenna Diepraam, Alexandria Tripp, and Nicholas Wachel to Primary I in November.



Primary II:

October was a great month! There was lots of learning happening in Primary II. A few of our lessons were magnetic/non-magnetic, sink/float, and spelling dictation. Orange you glad it is October? For orange fun we introduced lessons on the spider body parts and on the parts of a jack-o-lantern. Next month we will be Bringing Brown into the Fall fun. Pilgrims, Native Americans, and the Thanksgiving story will be just a part of our learning. Don't forget to join us in giving thanks at our annual Family Feast.

Kindergarten:

As the weather started changing in October, the children's understand of "fall" became much clearer. They began to make observation and ask questions, "Is it Fall?", "Look the leaves are falling.", and "Why do the leaves fall off the trees?" As you may begin to clear out your child's closet, keep us in mind. It is always helpful to have extra underclothes, pants, shirts, jackets, etc. available for those unexpected times of need.

Helpful Suggestions:

- Freework Time - 6:45 - 8:45 - a great time for socialization. This helps the children settle into their day.
- Circle - 9:00 - this is the time new lessons are introduced and sets the tone for the day
- Backpacks are encouraged for safe travel up and down the stairs with their belongings.

