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Family Newsletter



Gratitude Soup

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Llama Llama Gives Thanks

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The Thank You Book

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The Thankful Book

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Grateful: A Song of Giving Thanks

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Thankful

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GIVING THANKS

Welcome to November! November is one of our favorite months. It is traditionally the time for giving thanks and we are so very THANKFUL for each and every one of you!

This November is unique in many ways - from the election to Thanksgiving this month is bound to go by quickly. While it might be easy to lose track of the days as we head into the holiday season, take a minute to chat about your child's day at the center. Here are a few conversation starters to get things rolling:

- Who did you play with today?
- What did you have for lunch?
- Did you sing any songs or read a book today?
- What made you laugh today?

In the center we will be engaging the kids in so many fun and educational ways. Be sure to check your Smartcare timelines and the center Facebook page for schedule updates and photos.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Fun Fact

Thanksgiving was declared a holiday in 1863 by President Abraham Lincoln



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Looking for a fun Thanksgiving activity for your little one?
To the tune "If your happy and you know it clap your hands", sing
"If you're thankful and you know it..."

...clap your hands

...stomp your feet

...turn around

...pat your head

...shout "THANK YOU!"

Make your own verses or listen to this version on YouTube
<http://bit.ly/thankfullyouknowit>



When we think of holidays, most of us picture family get togethers filled with traditions and recipes that have been passed down for generations. With this holiday quickly approaching, that typical picture is starting to look a bit different for us. Follow the link below for ways on how to scale down Thanksgiving activities without completely losing those traditions that we all cherish.

<http://bit.ly/linksgiving>

Curriculum Corner

Teaching children to be thankful is an important part of their social and emotional development. As we get ready for the holiday season, take a few minutes with your child to come up with a fun way to show what you are thankful for. Make sure you display it somewhere in your house for everyone to see and talk about.

- **THANKFUL PUMPKIN** – take a black permanent marker and on a pumpkin write all the things you are thankful for.
- **THANKFUL TREE** – using a paper towel roll as your trunk, add branches with brown construction paper. Finish with colorful leaves that have what you are thankful for written on them.
- **THANKFUL TURKEY** – using a paper plate, paint a turkey on the plate. Add feathers to the turkey with construction paper and write what you are thankful for on each one.

DID YOU KNOW? DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES

SMILE AT PEOPLE

By 2 months old, your child should be reflex smiling. These short and spontaneous smiles are the muscles in their face working. Somewhere around 2 months and 3 months your child will begin to real smile. You will be able to tell because it is in reaction to something you do rather than being random. Encourage your child to smile by giving them affection and love, smiling at them and showing them you are happy, and playing with them (even if its just a simple game of peek-a-boo).

