

Kindergarten Prep November in Review and what's coming...

Miss. Chris from the Nature Center came to our classroom on Nov. 17th to teach us all about turkeys. Did you know wild turkeys sleep in trees, but build nests on the ground to protect their eggs?

Thank you to all the parents for sending in the handprint homework! Everyone had their homework!

I would like to collect the following materials for the children to use during center time: toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, scraps of wrapping paper, and any left over ABC stickers. If you have any of these things lying around your house please send them to school with your child.

It's cold and flu season. Washing hands with soap and water is more effective than hand sanitizers. You can help your child build their immune system by making sure they are getting plenty of sleep (between 11 and 12 hours) and helping them consume Vitamin C and D.

It's cold outside! Please be sure to dress your child appropriately for the weather. We will continue to try and go outside even in the chilly weather. Plus, the children will continue to line up outside until the temperature falls below 20 degrees.

Gym shoes, gym shoes, gym shoes! **PLEASE send your child to school in gym shoes EVERY MONDAY and the first Wednesday of each month.** Or, be sure to send a pair in their backpack so that they may change into appropriate shoes for our physical education activities.

Please send your **library books back every Friday.**

Please be sure to send some warmer "Just In Case Clothes" to be left in your child's locker.

Mark your calendars for Dec. 5th at 6:00pm. That's the evening we will be having our Winter Show!

On the flip side you'll find some suggestions for keeping busy during the winter months...

The Flip Side

- *Make snowpeople sugar cookies and decorate with powdered sugar, raisin eyes, etc...*
- *Make a bread snowflake. Get one piece of white bread and cut out corners and inside shapes to create a unique shape. Bake at a low temperature for 10-20 minutes, until slightly brown. Take out of oven and hang outside for birds.*
- *Make paper snowflakes and stick on windows to decorate the room. Cut out a circle on white paper. Fold it in half. Fold it in half again and again. Snip edges in various shapes and carefully unfold. Now decorate (you can use glitter, salt, etc.) and hang on windows.*
- *Fill various size jars with jelly beans, gum balls and other small objects. Have your child(ren) guess how many are in each jar. Count to see how many there are.*
- *Scavenger Hunt: Write a note and hide it. (For non-readers you can draw picture clues.) When your child finds the first note, have that note explain where to look for a second note. When she finds the second note, it explains where to look for a third note...and so on. The final note should have a warm and special message.*

The above ideas are taken from: A Note From Your Teacher by Kimberly Colen.

The ideas below are from me!

- Bundle up and go on a Winter Walk. Look for signs that it truly is winter (bare trees, no flowers, snow, ice, etc.)
- Have a Beach Party. Turn the heat up, break out the swim suits, beach ball, and fill the tub with water to play in!
- Act out stories - Read a children's book that can easily be acted out by the members of your family. After you read the book, assign roles and let the creative nature of your preschooler take over! You can even get the pets involved and make costumes. If your child(ren) really get into this invite someone over to watch the production!
- Make a fort - use pillows, blankets, and couch cushions to transform your living room or family room into a special hide out.
- Go Camping - if you camp in the summer and have the equipment: set up the tent inside, eat "camp food" (hotdogs, marshmallows, etc), tell stories around a pretend fire, sleep in the tent. You can really get into this and have your child(ren) help make stars to decorate the ceiling, trees to decorate the walls, etc.

