



Gobble, gobble

Our Feast Days

We always look forward to our Feast Days in November. It is a time for sharing food and enjoying our friends from other rooms. Each class prepares food

to share with the whole school. This year the feasts will be Nov. 21st and 22nd about 10:30 in the morning. You are welcome to come to Smith Hall at

that time and sit with your children. No PM KDO after our Wednesday Feast.



Family Photos

We hope you signed up for a photo session with our own photographer, Patty Kauff-

man, at Moon Valley Park on November 4th. Last year's pictures

were wonderful and made perfect Christmas gifts for families to share.

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Nov. 1, Vehicle Day
- ☺ Nov. 4 Family Photos
- ☺ Nov. 7-9 Book Fair
- ☺ Nov. 10-Veteran's Day, NO SCHOOL
- ☺ Nov. 21, 22 Feast Days

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Open-Ended Art

Why do we strongly prefer Open-Ended Art? Have you thought about all that your child is learning from our emphasis on Open-Ended Art? We all can think of the obvious things, like creativity, pride, independence, etc. These are incredibly worthwhile goals for our children. But if an activity is made according to the teacher's pattern or model, what does this tell young children?

It tells them...

- that the adult's work is better than theirs—therefore, because their

work is inferior, so are they.

- If the pattern is commercially made, that only a purchased pattern is "right".
- There's no need to try.

If the children simply glue pre-cut pieces of paper in a particular way, they learn that...

- Their teacher can cut.
- If they want to go play, all they have to do is glue a few things and they have permission to go play.

- This is the way their teacher thinks a caterpillar looks.
- Mine looks like everyone else's and that's good.



Book Fair

We always have a book fair before the holidays as we know reading to preschool children is so important and want to encourage

the giving of these gifts to our little ones.

Our Book Fair is November 7-9 in the parlor. Plan to

browse awhile after taking your children to their class-

A frog saw the horse being shod and presented his feet also.

Turkish Proverb

Heard in the Halls

A Unicorn girl dropped her clay in the hallway but, she told her teacher, Bob the Builder helped her pick it up. Mrs. Cavanaugh said, "Do you mean Mr. Peterson?" The response was, "Oh is that his name?"

And from the 2s, "I'm being have!"



Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.

And it doesn't matter how old you are, if a child points a finger at you and shoots, you fall.

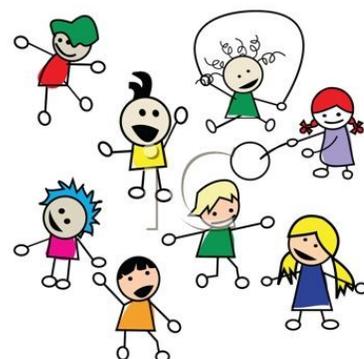
Story Telling and PE

We are delighted to announce the return of our wonderful Story Lady, Nancy O'Connor, this month. The children love to sit around her rocking chair and listen to her fascinating books.

Also this month our PE classes will resume for the year. This class

meets in the Multipurpose Room and does age appropriate activities. The teachers are Catherine Rothschild and Siobhan Mooney who already work in our school.

We cannot wait to, once again, offer these classes for your children.



Snacks for Shadow Rock Preschool

Just a few words on daily snacks. The snack menu is made on a rotation basis, meaning I try to give each class each month a variety of fresh fruits and veggies, carbohydrates, dairy based proteins with a "sometime" snack at least once a month. Unfortunately, we do have a budget otherwise we would serve fresh fruits and vegetables and fresh baked foods every day! ☺ You may have noticed August and September have a few

more days with Chex Mix or Veggie Sticks, this is for several reasons. First, we are not fully aware of all allergies and want to make sure we get a working knowledge of all allergies before we start making dips, baking, etc. Secondly, it is way too hot in the kitchen to bake until the end of October and we do not want Kristin to pass out! HA!HA! As always, we would love your snack ideas!!! Please keep in mind we are a nut-free

facility with budget constraints but bring on those new fresh ideas!

He who has imagination without learning, has wings but no feet.

French Proverb

KDO OPENINGS

After starting the year full, we now have KDO openings mornings and afternoons except for Thursdays. Please see Michelle in the Blue Room if you want to sign up on a permanent basis. There is a \$25 registration fee

for permanent spots with the benefit that you do not get charged if you don't use it some days.



Drop ins are also welcome with prior notice, such as the day before needed.

Children taking Kids' Kapers classes will eat their lunch in KDO and then be taken to class.

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Preschool Thanksgiving Books

Arthur's Thanksgiving by Mark Brown

Turkey on the Loose! By Sylvie Wickstrom

Thanksgiving at the Tappletons" by Eileen Spinelli

The above books are some of our favorites read year after year at preschool. See if they are available at the library to help your children enjoy turkey adventures of the season.

As is always the case, the turkey is never eaten and the stories are funny.

Sensory Experiences Can Be Messy Fun

Angie Dorrell tells us about sensory activities, and how they can provide children with an exciting way to learn. Children learn best when they use their own senses by having "hands on" experiences. Sensory tables with different mediums and materials can help children to develop in many different areas.

Cognitive Development such as math, science and problem solving are pre-

sent in the sensory tables. For example when children use containers to measure (water, rice, sand, macaroni...), they are using their sense of touch. What happens when you add water to dirt, water to sand, or water to sugar, and stir it?

Language Development occurs in having conversations with teachers, parents and other children about what is happening in the tables and

what they are doing with the materials.

Social and Emotional Development when the children control their actions builds confidence.

Physical Development with fine motor skills in pouring, measuring stirring and all the other ways they can manipulate the materials.

Creative Development lets the children see how they use the materials and helps them learn what the outcome will be.
