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## Dates to Remember:

- **Monday– Friday, 2-6th:**  
**Scholastic Book Fair**
- **Wednesday the 18th:**  
**Thanksgiving Luncheon**
- **Thursday– Friday, 26-27th: NO SCHOOL;**  
**closed for Thanksgiving Holiday**



Happy November!!

We have many festivities planned for the month of November which we are all excited about. I, personally, cannot believe that 2009 is almost over!

We have our Scholastic Book Fair scheduled for November 2-6th in our multi-purpose room. These are great for holiday gifts and it's the gift that keeps on giving.

Parent-Teacher conferences are November 9th –13th. This is a wonderful time to visit with your child's/ children's teacher about their progress at this point. It is also a great time to bring up any question you might have regarding the new school year. We feel this is very important.

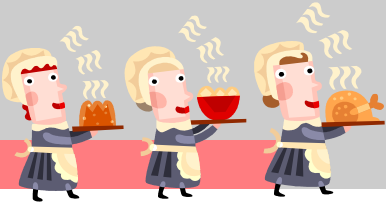
Our annual Thanksgiving luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th. You all will be receiving an info letter about your child's time frame for lunch. As many of you know, Kelly puts on quite the spread. We do ask, however, to have our parents help with desserts. (That's the teacher's favorite part!!)

Last but not least, we will be CLOSED November 26th-27th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thank you for all you do and thanks for always being there for our school. Hope your month is healthy, happy and warm.

Carol

*Enrich the day, brighten the future.™*



# INFANT NEWS

## Stephanie's News

Hello to November! We are looking forward to a fun month. We would like to welcome William and his family. He will be joining us mid month and will add to the excitement in class.

Throughout the month of November, we will be working on fine motor, language, music discovery and sensory skills. We have some children who are now walking and other children who are learning to crawl. Our younger babies are learning to adjust to tummy time.

We will be having Parent-Teacher Conferences the week of November 9-13th. We will be talking about your child's progress and be setting some developmental goals for each of them. Please watch for a sign-up sheet for a conference time. We look forward to meeting with you. You are also invited to join us in class for our Thanksgiving Luncheon on Wednesday, November 18th.

We would like to wish Ryan a Happy 1st Birthday on November 15th.

As always please feel free to talk with us anytime.

Stephanie, Mercedes and Connie

## Danielle's News

Greetings! Fall is here and the weather is getting cooler. We would like to remind you to bring a warm hat and jacket or sweater daily for your child. We take walks around the school and sometimes play on the playground.

This past month Hailee took her first two steps unassisted. Yay! We are so proud of her. Zen, Alex, and Houston are working on rolling and sitting. They are all doing well rolling from their backs to their tummies. Houston and Zen have started eating cereal and veggies. Jacquelyn is doing well. She is enjoying her days here at the center. She is talking a lot more and is crawling all around the room. Jobin is very active and loves to have conversations with his friends and teachers. He is batting at toys and is beginning to grab at them. We are thankful to share these moments with the children. They are all doing well.

We will be having Parent/Teacher Conferences this month on the week of the 9th through the 13th. We will have a sign up sheet posted neat the sign in/ sign out book. Also, don't forget to sign in/ sign out your child at both the front desk and in class.

We would like to wish Jacquelyn a Happy 1st Birthday!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!  
Danielle and Krystal



# YOUNG TODDLER NEWS

## Lisa's News



Someone must have gone into hiding with the turkeys.

## Jennifer's News



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# OLDER TODDLER NEWS

## Arlene's News

Ya'ah'teeh everybody! October was such a great month; the children are enjoying the new curriculum and having their show-n-tell every week. Please remember we do show-n-tell every Tuesday. I have sent out a list of items to be brought to show with the curriculum calendar. I wish you could see how adorable they are when they show their friends their cool stuff!

We would like to thank everyone who was able to join us at the Pumpkin Patch. We had such a wonderful time, but we missed our friends who could not be there.

With the weather changing every time we blink our eyes it is good to be prepared. Please bring in a light sweater everyday with your child. We do go outside if even for just a short while and we love to go on our walks.

We have a few announcements for this month:

November 2nd– 6th: Scholastic Book Fair

November 9th -13th: Parent/ Teacher Conferences

November 18th: Thanksgiving Luncheon

November 26th-27th: Thanksgiving Holiday (**LA LUZ CLOSED**)

We hope everyone can join us for the luncheon. The children love to have you visit our class.

Last but not least, we have some birthdays this month. Turning THE BIG 3 are Maia (10/2), Matthew (10/3), and Emily (10/23)!! Happy Birthday. They are the first group of ours to be 3!

Thanks a bunch to all and we hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season.

Ms. Arlene      Ms. Maria      Ms. Joslyn

## Mona's News

Dear Parents:

We want to start by thanking everyone who was able to join us for our field trip to McCall's Pumpkin Patch. The kids had a blast! We also want to thank everyone who joined us for our Fall Carnival.

Last month our curriculum included **Balloon Fiesta, Pumpkins, Harvest, and Creepy Crawlies**. The children enjoyed eating pumpkin bread and pumpkin ice cream, making a stained "glass" hot air balloon and reading Pop Flop's Great Balloon Ride, When Autumn Falls, and It's Pumpkin Time! This month our curriculum will include **Pets, Me, Myself & I, and Family**. We have several fun activities planned around these themes.

We have a few reminders:

- 1st: Please make sure that you leave your child with Ms. Arlene if you arrive before Ms. Ana( 7:30) is in our classroom.
  - 2nd: Make sure you check your child's extra clothes (these are kept in the bathroom and if you can't find them just let us know and we will help you) We want to make sure children have weather appropriate clothing since the weather is getting colder.
  - 3rd: We want to remind you to make sure that your child always has at least a light jacket in the classroom because it is usually cooler in the morning.
- While we're talking about reminders we might as well go over a few IMPORTANT dates to remember.
- November 9th– 13th is Parent/ Teacher Conferences; I will be posting a sign-up sheet by the sign-in book.
  - November 18th is our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon.
  - November 26th– 27th La Luz is CLOSED for the Thanksgiving Break.

Finally, we want to WELCOME Jiselle and her family to our class. We also want to wish a HAPPY 3rd BIRTHDAY to Gianni on November 14th! We also want to say CONGRATULATIONS to Ms. Ana, who is expecting a boy the end of January. We are very excited for her.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Mona, Ms. Ana & Ms. Lindsay



# PRESCHOOL NEWS

## Emma's News

Hello Parents and Friends! October was a great success with lots of falling leaves, harvest feasts, and spooky costumes. Thank you parents and everyone who participated in our hayride and carnival. Now we can look forward to seeing you again for conferences and the Thanksgiving Luncheon.

Our class has been busy having discussions about the four seasons, how many days are in a year, counting to 100 days of school, using an abacus, and much more. We have learned a new song about the months of the year. We will continue to learn more about numbers by measuring and rhymes by singing. Feel free to come in and see our curriculum calendar. There will also be sign-ups for conferences, luncheon count, and room decorations and treats.

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you.

Dates to mark on your calendar....Conference week: November 23rd-25th (*this week varies from La Luz's scheduled week*) and the Thanksgiving Luncheon: November 18th.

Ms. Emma Ms. Matilda Ms. Lisset

## Lynsey's News

Hello all!

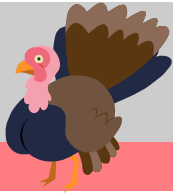
As we enter the colder months of the year, please make sure that your children have a complete set of winter extra clothes. Most of them have shorts and short sleeves, so please change those out when you get a chance.

Also, because many families will be traveling during this time of year, please have your children bring us or send us a postcard from your travels. We will use these to help introduce basic geography and also allow the children to share their experiences with the class. Feel free to take a look at the map in the science area of the room to see where our class has traveled.

Please mark your calendars with Parent/Teacher Conference week (November 9-13, a sign-up will be posted soon) and the Thanksgiving Luncheon (November 18th).

Thank you so much for everything you do!

Lynsey



# PRE-K NEWS

## Kristin's News

Gooble, gooble!! It is officially TURKEY TIME!!

The whole month of November, we will focus our curriculum on the animal of the month, Mr. Turkey, nutrition, harvest, and what it means to be thankful. Our activities will include making bread, corn tasting, wearing turkey tails, "I'm thankful for" dictations, playing in a Thanksgiving dinner, and much more.

With November comes Parent/ Teacher Conferences (the 9th-13th), Scholastic Book Fair (the 2nd-6th), the Thanksgiving Luncheon (the 18th), and, of course, the Thanksgiving Holiday (the 26th-27th). La Luz will be CLOSED for the holiday.

I would like to set up Parent/Teacher Conferences between 2:30 and 4pm at the Starbucks on the corner of Eubank and Central. It will be a more relaxed and calm environment for us to discuss the development and progress of your child. It also is a good excuse to chat over coffee. I will post a sign up sheet in class for you to pick a time that works best for you. If none of the dates during the week of the 9th work for you, I will happily try and set up another time with you.

Thank you to all of you who joined us for our field trip to the Pumpkin Patch and those that came and played at the Fall Carnival. We enjoy your involvement in our class. It helps us build a little community. We loved our Students of the Week in October ( Mateo, Zosia, Levi, Nicky and John). It is great to watch your children show off their posters and items from home. Thank you for helping them participate.

Have a safe, scrumptious, and splendid Thanksgiving!  
Ms. Kristin      Ms. Diana      Ms. Alison

## Mary Jo's News

Dear Friends,

November is a time when we reflect on our thankfulness. Our families, friends, and the freedoms we in this country are fortunate to have. The entire teaching staff in our room are thankful and honored that you have allowed us to help in the care of your precious children.

October came and went so fast that we hardly had time to catch our breath. Our field trip to McCall's Pumpkin Patch was a great success thanks to all the parents who were able to attend. Also, your participation in our Fall Festival helped make it a wonderful success. We want to thank Amy, Mackenzy's mom, for helping to make both events so successful. (She made the arrangements and invitations for the field trip and also did the face painting at the festival.)

This month we will be learning about:

Community Helpers and "Hh"	November 2-6
Space and "Ii"	November 9-13
Families, Thankfulness, Turkeys, and "Jj"	November 16-25

Please remember that our Harvest Luncheon will be Wed. Nov. 18th. We hope that all of you will be able to attend this event and enjoy a meal with us. More information will be available shortly.

The weather is now chilly in the mornings when we go out and we ask that you please make sure your child comes with appropriate clothing. If you would like to bring chap stick to class, please do not place it in the cubbies. We have a special container in the teachers' cabinet and we will let your child apply it when necessary.

Soon you will receive a Pre-K evaluation of your child. This will be placed in your parent mailbox. (They are pretty much self explanatory.) After reading this evaluation if you have any questions or concerns and feel you need a conference, please let us know and will arrange one during the week of November 9th.

Thank you  
Ms. Mary Jo      Ms. Janice      Ms. Alyssa