



Diamond Street Early Childhood Center



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Director News

November is a time to remember to give thanks. Diamond Street is thankful for so many blessings that we have; your children, amazing parents, our teachers and a beautiful campus. As we remember to give thanks, we are also thankful to be apart of the Extraordinary Give. This great fundraising event allows us to give back to our families in the form of scholarships. The Lancaster Community Foundation's Extraordinary Give is on Friday, November 20th, I hope you would consider participating.



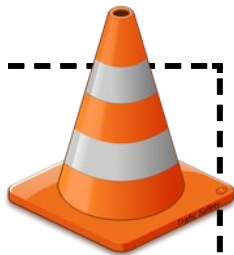
Parent/Teacher conferences are offered to all families in the month of November. Check with your child's teacher for a sign-up sheet.

We will be celebrating our 3rd annual Thanksgiving Feast. All classrooms, from the infants to the Kindergarten, will gather in the big room on Nov. 18th for our Thanksgiving Feast to promote togetherness and the strong family we have here at Diamond Street.

Dede Zimmerman

1311 Center Director

PLEASE turn your engines off when dropping off or picking up your child. We are concerned for the safety of our children and families entering and exiting the building.



Classroom Happenings

Warblers (Infants): Can it be November already?! We will be talking about turkeys, of course! There will be new songs about turkeys, books with turkeys in them and different things to remind us to be thankful. We will also be creating turkeys in different ways for some of our art projects. This past month, the Warblers have enjoyed getting to explore some pumpkins and gourds as well as some time outside to enjoy the cooler weather and beautiful fall leaves. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration!

Bluebirds (Young Toddlers): November reminds us to consider what we are thankful for. Sometimes when we are caught up in the day to day it is easy to overlook. I am thankful to be a part of your children's educational foundation. In the toddler years it is critical for children to explore and discover and with those experiences the foundation is laid for the rest of their lives. For the month of November we will focus on our five senses. The following weeks will be full of hands on sensory experiences, such as spice painting, a tasting week and texture collages. We will also throw in some turkey fun during the end of the month!

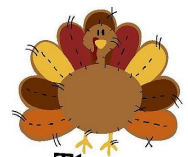


Robins (Older Toddlers):

The Robin Room "theme" for the month will be exploring with our "Five Senses." With the arrival of Thanksgiving and the bountiful harvests of the season, Ms. Kate and I thought that using our senses of touch, taste, seeing, hearing and smelling would be enjoyable for the children and educational! Have a wonderful holiday!

Hummingbirds (3 year olds): In November, the hummingbirds will be falling into fall with fun fall actives that will enhance our knowledge of the season fall. During the month of November, we will learning about the leaves changing colors, the change in weather, Thanksgiving, the letter C, the number 3, circles, and many more fun fall actives. The hummingbirds will like to wish everyone a Happy November and a Happy Thanksgiving. Love, The Hummingbirds and Ms. Kathryn.

Cardinals (Pre-K 4 & 5 year olds): The cardinals have been enjoying the Fall weather! We've jumped into pile of leaves, went to a pumpkin patch, and built with acorns. This month we will be learning about Thanksgiving. We will start the month by talking about our five senses and discover different things we can do with them! We will continue the month by learning all about turkeys and end the month by learning about how to be thankful.



Happy Thanksgiving

Classroom Happenings Continued....

Swans (1/2 day Pre-K 4 & 5 year olds): In the month of November we will spend some time on numbers. We will be practicing recognizing numbers and identifying them, counting objects using one to one correspondence and estimating. We will also talk about Thanksgiving and what we are thankful for along with learning about the story of the first Thanksgiving.

Orioles (Full-Day Pre-K): In the month of November, the Orioles will explore all about our senses. We will do activities and projects to learn about all five of the senses. Later in the month, the children will learn about the first Thanksgiving and discuss our traditions for this holiday. The children will get a chance to share why they are thankful. Show and tell will be held on November 11. We will also have a crazy hair day this month on November 25!



Owls (Kindergarten): The kindergarten children have enjoying experiencing and exploring the season of fall, both inside and out. We loved opening up a pumpkin and seeing what was inside, as well as playing in the many colored leaves outside on the playground! In the month of November, we will focus on community helpers, turkeys, and Thanksgiving. Our literacy unit will consist of beginning and ending sounds while our math unit will focus on ordering numbers and graphing. Please continue to work on sight words at home. This will greatly benefit your child when it comes time for us to begin reading!

Faith Based

The month of November includes stories from the Old Testament of the Bible. They will also hear a story about Noah, Abraham and Sarah, and Isaac and Rebekah.

Announcement from Akron Mennonite Church!

The Parent Trek class at Akron Mennonite Church will be studying **Whatever Happened to Dinner**, Recipes and Reflections for Family Mealtime by Melodie M. Davis at 10:35 on the following Sundays: 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/22, 12/6 and 12/20. Diamond Street Early Childhood Center parents are welcome to join this class which will meet in Room 10 (Cardinal Classroom). Children can join the children's program at the church during the time the parents are meeting. We look forward to cooking and sharing together.



11th Street School Age Program

Eagles: The Eagles have started to munch their way through the pumpkins and are ready to move on to something new. The Eagles are ready to learn about Eric Carle and how to write their own book to share with the class. The Eagles will express what being thankful means and giving to others truly means. Along with enjoying time with family and friends. Ending with a silly twist and good laughs reading and making poems that are just like Shel Silverstein.

Music Notes



During the month of November the children will see and hear the sound of instruments in a new family of instruments – the percussion family. Instruments will include the castanets, maracas, tambourine, guiro, claves and woodblock. The listening piece for November is "The Wild Horseman", a piano composition written by German composer Robert Schumann. In recognition of Thanksgiving the children will be learning "the turkey dance" and hear a song about my friend "Albuquerque. The kindergarten and Cardinal classes were asked to participate in the Akron Mennonite Christmas Program in December. Those two classes will begin learning the songs that they will sing/play for the program.

Hola!



In honor of Thanksgiving Day, our November Spanish classes will focus on these important "good manner" words: "por favor" (please), "gracias" (thank-you), and "de nada" (you're welcome). I would like to suggest that you try to practice these words during mealtimes at home :-)
Also, I feel inspired to share with you the following prayer/song that I learned while living in Central America:

Gracias, Senor, por el pan (thank you, Lord, for this food)
Y da pan a los que tienen hambre (and give food to those who are hungry)
Y hambre de justicia a los que tienen pan (and to those who have food give a hunger for justice).

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