



November 2009



During the month of November we will be studying Native Americans, the people who were indigenous to our region at the time of the first colonial settlers in the late 1600's as well as the early Colonial Americans from this period. We will first be learning about the Northeastern Native Americans and their settlements and culture and then we will introduce the Pilgrims. We will discuss the roles that the Native Americans played in the survival of the Pilgrims as well as many of the ways in which they influenced them. We will be exploring the daily life of an early Colonial American child and some of the activities they were involved in. Finally we will talk about how all of this led up to the first Thanksgiving Feast among the Native Americans and the Pilgrims.

On Tuesday, November 10th we will travel to the "Adam's Academy" in Westport for a lesson taught in a one room school house. We will leave school at approximately 9:00 and return by 12:00. Dismissal will be at your regularly scheduled times. This is an in school field trip. On Wednesday, November 18th we will travel to the Westport Historical Society for a look at some toys, a kitchen area and a project. We will leave school at approx. 9:00 and return at 11:30. Because this is during Conference Week, dismissal will be at 12:15.

In addition to creating wonderful projects pertaining to the Native Americans and the Colonial Americans, we will be cooking up a storm to get ready for our Feast. Some of the cooking projects will be authentic dishes that the settlers and Native Americans might have eaten at the very first Thanksgiving feast.

As always, we are continuing the tradition of our Thankful Tree as we talk about what the many different things that we are thankful for are. We will also be making a beautiful turkey to decorate our front hallway. For this project we ask that you send in a man's tie.

Our letters this month include W, R and F.

- Our Annual Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Tuesday, November 24th at 12:30am in our classrooms. All are welcome. We will feast on all of the food that our children have been working so hard to make in celebration of our study of Colonial America and the Native Americans. Dismissal will be at regular times. We will be closed Wednesday, November 25th thru Friday, November 27th.
- School is closed on Wednesday, November 11^h in observance of Veterans Day.
- Picture Day is Tuesday, November 10th.
- Conference days are Tuesday November 17th thru Friday November 20th. 5's and K children attend school until 12:15 daily for these days.
- **Scholastic Book Fair will take place this month the week of Conferences. The dates are November 17th through the 20th. Each class will be notified as to the days and times that parents are welcome to come and shop.**
- **Just a look ahead: We will have our Annual Holiday show on Friday December 18th at 5:30pm. We will have an early evening show that will take place at the Westport Town Hall auditorium. Everyone is welcome!!! There is more than enough seating for the whole family. We will also have a rehearsal in the morning at 10:00 the same day. Please mark this fun filled evening on your calendars now! Details will follow.**

Finally, we the staff at Three Four Open the Door, would like to offer you and your family our prayers and wishes for a healthy, happy Thanksgiving day.

Happy Thanksgiving!

