



November 2009



We are so excited about the busy and exciting month ahead of us. Our Threes and Fours will be starting the month off with learning about letter P, creating a pig puppet, "If you give a pig a pancake" book, and ending that week with a Pancake and PJ Party!! For the rest of the month we will focus all of our attention on the Cultural Arts piece behind the Thanksgiving Holiday. Throughout our study of Colonial America we will be making Native American Headdresses and Necklaces, Placemats, and sequencing and telling the story of the First Thanksgiving. Some of our Choice Time projects include tissue paper Indian corn; I am thankful Handprint turkey, and a special Thanksgiving gift for our families to use for Thanksgiving Dinner. To help us understand the early colonists we will be transforming an area of the Block Center into a traditional Colonial kitchen where we will try to better understand the way in which the early settlers lived when they first came to this country.

In addition to creating wonderful projects pertaining to the Native Americans and the Colonial Americans we will cook up a storm, getting 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. Of course we will be making our famous Pumpkin Bread!

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. We will be making Thankful 4's that we will hang on our tree in our classroom. On these 4's we will write what each of us are thankful for. We would love for you to stop by and see all that we have to be thankful for at Three Four. We also will be reading them on the day of our feast.

- Our Annual Thanksgiving Feasts will be held on Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th in our classrooms. Monday, November 23rd will be the Feasts for Miss Nikki and Miss Marilyn class from 10:30-11:30, Miss Gina and Miss Margaret's class from 10:30-11:30 and the PM class from 2:00-3:00. Tuesday, November 25th will be the Feasts for Miss Lori and Miss Leslie's class from 10:30-11:30 and the Two's class from 2:00-2:30. All parents are welcome, and please park across the street at Tiburon Restaurant. 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.
- Picture Day is Tuesday, November 10th. This is a regular school day. If you are a Three or Four and do not attend Tuesdays you are welcome to attend at your regular time to be included in Picture Day.
- School is closed on Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.
- School is closed for a Staff Development Day on November 16th. Conference days are Tuesday, November 17th thru Friday, November 20th. If you have not already signed up the sheets are posted in the main hallway. AM Threes and Fours attend school Tuesday and Wednesday of this week from 9-12. There is No Lunch Bunch this week. PM Threes and Fours attend school Thursday and Friday of this week from 9-12. Two's attend school Thursday and Friday of this week from 9:30-11:30. During conference week there also will be a Scholastic Book Fair in the Science Room. Please come up and find some great books for your children and on our teacher's wish list!
- **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 a.m. 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!

