The Friday Flyer

The Children's Academy

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_____ Nov. 21st – Nov. 23rd 2011 _____

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES - When does + 1 = 3? When parents and teachers work in that marvelous partnership in the support of a child. This is a collaboration that yields benefits beyond the sum of its parts, and Parent/Teacher conferences are the centerpiece of that collaboration. This is a wonderful time to get to know your child's teachers a little better, gain a deeper understanding of the curriculum, and to be reminded of just how great your children are! Please call The Academy to schedule conference times at your convenience.

AFTERNOON PROGRAMS – New applications for our programs will be sent home next week. Classes will start immediately upon return from our Holiday break. Our first eight week sessions were a huge success. If you are interested in our next sessions or would like to continue your child in our winter session and have not signed up for the full year, now is the time to sign up! Please return applications ASAP to ensure space.

PAJAMA DAY / PAJAMA DRIVE – On Friday, December 2nd, 2011 we are hosting two special events! PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR CHILDREN WEAR THEIR PAJAMS TO SCHOOL!!!

PAJAMA DAY will be held in support of Santina, age 7 of Petersburg, N.J. who is battling Leukemia. A movie from the Leukemia Society (15 Min) will be shown and discussion of Leukemia in children will take place as well as a collection of money (coins, checks and bills) to be sent to Santina and her family to help offset the costly bills.

THE SCHOLASTIC PAJAMA DRIVE will also be happening the same day. Every pair of pajamas collected by The Children's Academy will be matched in books

from Scholastic. The books and pajamas will be distributed to those in need in Union and Essex counties.
Paperwork explaining both programs will be sent home on Friday. This is a wonderful opportunity to teach children about giving and compassion.
PLEASE PARTICIPATE!

<u>SPEECH SCREENING</u> – We are very fortunate to be able to provide free speech screenings from Creative Speech Solutions, an excellent speech evaluating team in our area. We encourage our parents to take advantage of this valuable service. Please fill out the questionnaire that you receive on Friday and return it to The Academy. Please be prompt with paperwork! Screenings will begin December 5th.

<u>THANK YOU</u>…..to Mikayla's mom for remembering The Academy on her business trip. The children loved the scorpion and postcards from Arizona.
<u>THANK YOU</u>.....to Cheryl, the hygienist, from Livingston Dental Pediatric Associates. Her presentation taught us many important and interesting things we should know about our teeth. Good foods, proper brushing and regular visits to the dentist are all party of good oral health.

<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>- Happy Birthday wishes to Lilliana!

<u>LITTLE ROOM – Mrs. Lombardi and Mrs. Kovacs</u>

PRACTICAL LIFE- We have enjoyed the opportunity to practice our manners during our Thanksgiving feast and we know you will proud of us too!

SENSORIAL – Wooden leaves in a bag full of soft pom-poms provide a sensory challenge. Thanksgiving dominos increase vocabulary – cornucopia, Pilgrim and Native American – while working on visual discrimination and sequencing.

MATH - Turkey counting work was shown. This counting concentrates on number identification and counting one through five.

<u>TRANSITIONAL ROOM – Mrs. Tschopp and Mrs. Errante</u>

LANGUAGE- Our new activities were magnetic fruit pairing and small fruit matching. Both activities reinforce sorting skills and introduce the children to some fruit they may not recognize.

SENSORIAL- Foam leaf sorting was shown to allow the children to practice sorting by colors.

Cultural- the felt food pyramid was added to our shelf. This activity has the children sort pictures of food into the correct food group.

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<u>BIG ROOM- Mrs. Sarno, Mrs. Smith, Ms.Dixon and Mrs. Gerst</u>

PRACTICAL LIFE-Our large nut and bolt activity strengthens our pincer grip and improves our dexterity. The hair combing activity encourages care of self and promotes independence. We learned never to share combs with our friends. Opening and closing circular boxes enhances our small motor skills. An extension has been added to our balance beam to help improve our balance and coordination. Our new food preparation activity is spreading. We are enjoying pumpkin butter on crackers.

SOCIAL STUDIES-In the spirit of Thanksgiving we talked about the Native American Indians. The Cheyenne, Navajo and Makah's. We learned that where they lived effected what they hunted for or fished for and how they lived. We enjoyed learning about their different customs.

SENSORIAL-Animal skin pairing helped us to use our matching skills as well as recognizing differences. The pilgrim put-together enabled us to see parts of the whole and arrange them in a meaningful order. This week our tasting samples were grape jelly and cherry jelly. They looked the same but tasted very different. We enjoyed both!

CULTURAL – The children discovered that the United States is in the center of North America. Our new puzzle map of The United States helped them to gain an understanding of the states within our country. Emphasis was placed on the location of New Jersey. Our first trip took us to Arizona where we viewed postcards of the dessert, a waterfall and our favorite the scorpion. The scorpion keychain is now on the shelf and the children love it! Special thanks to Mikayla.

ART-We colored a cornucopia in the spirit of Thanksgiving.

VOCABULARY- pilgrim, native, traditional dress, Cheyenne, Navajo, Makah

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<u>FRENCH UPDATE</u> – We sang in class this week some of our songs in French and learned the proper names for trucks: dump truck (le camion a benne – leer camion a ben), cement mixer (la betonniere – la b'tonaire) garbage truck (le camion a ordures – la camion ohdures or garbage un camion garbarrage), and the cherry picker (la nacelle – le nacelle).

CALENDAR REMINDERS

December 2nd	**Friday**	**Pajama Day**
December 5th	**Monday**	**Speech Screening**
December 16th	**Friday**	**Holiday Show (Details to follow)**

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