

The Friday Flyer

The Children's Academy

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Nov. 7th – Nov. 9th 2011

EARLY DISMISSAL – Please remember that due to Early Dismissal on Wednesday November 23, 2011 there will be no Little Room Enrichment Lunch, Fit Kids or Extended Care. All students will be dismissed at 11:30AM.

MONTESSORI NIGHT- We cordially invite you to attend this year's Parent Montessori Workshop to be held on Thursday, November 17th, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. PLEASE RSVP.

The teachers will be planning the agenda for the evening based on the four major areas of the Montessori classroom. This is a wonderful opportunity for new parents to gain an understanding of the importance of a Montessori education and returning parents to reinforce understanding of expectations for your child's continued curriculum. We also hope returning parents will spend some time with our new parents sharing experiences.

We are offering child care to our parents on Montessori Night with the hope that this service will enable more parents to join us!

2012-2013 APPLICATIONS- 2012-13 applications for enrollment have been sent home. In order to assure the position you want for your child's future enrollment please return as soon as possible. The Academy will waive the enrollment fee if your application is received no later than January 1, 2012. We hope you will take advantage of the opportunity.

ADVERTISING PERMISSION SLIPS- It is customary for The Academy to feature our students in magazines/newspaper advertisement as well as our own website. Permission slips are going home today. Please complete and return Monday November 14th .

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE- In the spirit of Thanksgiving, the First Presbyterian Church will be delivering non-perishable food items to Elizabeth port community Center. This is a wonderful opportunity to teach children the importance of giving to those less fortunate. If you wish to send something in (example; macaroni, canned goods, packaged foods), the children will deliver the goods upstairs to the church office. Friday, November 18th will be the last day to bring in goods.

CONGRATULATIONS- To Marwan El-Gabry he welcomed a new baby sister into his family. We wish everyone health and happiness!

SNACK- Thank you to Maeve, Isla and Olivia for sharing snack with their friends.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- Happy Birthday wishes to Olivia!

LITTLE ROOM – Mrs. Lombardi and Mrs. Kovacs

We enjoyed the opportunity to practice our library manners at the book fair this week. The grandparents that visited our classroom were greeted warmly by the children who have been anxious to show off all they have learned this school year.

PRACTICAL LIFE- A Thanksgiving napkin and napkin ring activity was shown. A utensil sorting activity and new placemat rolling were also presented.

SENSORIAL – A geometric stacking tower has become an instant favorite. This work presents an opportunity to discuss how important it is that we respect our materials as we disassemble the tower one by one instead of knocking it down.

CULTURAL – We have been reading about and discussing the Thanksgiving holiday. We love apple pies, pumpkin pies and most of all mud pies!

TRANSITIONAL ROOM – Mrs. Tschopp and Mrs. Errante

PRACTICAL LIFE- Our new activity was medium pouring. This is a smaller version of an existing activity, the smaller size makes it more challenging and requires the children to slow their movements and concentrate.

LANGUAGE- Large vegetable matching was shown to introduce the children to some vegetables they might not recognize like asparagus. “t” objects “t” gluing and “t” coloring were shown to reinforce that sound. The square inset was shown to develop pencil control.

SENSORIAL- Our new activities were the red knobblers cylinders that have the children size according to width only. The sound cylinders were shown to discriminate between loud and soft sounds.

ART- Our art project was thankful wreaths. The children enjoyed making this festive holiday decoration. Indian necklaces were added to the shelf for Thanksgiving.

BIG ROOM- Mrs. Sarno, Mrs. Smith, Ms.Dixon and Mrs. Gerst

PRACTICAL LIFE- In preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday, we are decorating a fall wreath and arranging fruit in a cornucopia for a beautiful table centerpiece. We are strengthening our wrists and hands with the turkey baster. Our small leaf spooning activity enhances our fine motor skills and reinforces left to right progression. We read the book entitled The Peace Rose by Alicia Jewell and learned how we can use the peace rose to resolve issues with our friends. In preparation for “Grandparent’s Day” we learned that being a good hostess or host requires us to prepare food and drinks for our guests. We discussed the importance of washing our hands before handling food. Then we cut cheese and arranged crackers on platters for our guests. Finally we prepared a delicious punch. We reviewed the proper way to serve our guests. Hopefully, everyone enjoyed the wonderful refreshments!

LANGUAGE – “Come Rhyme With Me!” is our new book in the language area and to reinforce the concept of rhyming we have our pink rhyming cards. The sizing objects with words, the short “a” sound wooden nouns, reversible sequencing puzzles, set #2 mother and animal puzzles and the tree fort sequencing cards are all new activities available in the area.

SOCIAL STUDIES- With the busy holiday season upon us, we talked about family. We discussed traditions and what special things make our family life so happy and fulfilling. We decided that no matter how we celebrate holidays, we are all so grateful to have wonderful people in our lives!

ART-We've created our own Indian corn pictures using corn kernels from our practical life activity, glue and crayons.

VOCABULARY- grandparents, family, extended family, Holidays

SOUND OF THE WEEK- for the week of Nov. 14th is "f" as in frog

FRENCH UPDATE –This week we learned to say the seasons. The seasons (lady sayzone) are: l'printem (lprenteum-spring), l'ete (laytay-summer), L'automne (laohtumn-autumn), l'hiver (leavear-winter).

CALENDAR REMINDERS

November 17th	Thursday	Montessori Night- 7-9 PM
November 23rd	Wednesday	Thanksgiving Feast 9:00 to 11:30 All Students
November 24th and 25th	Thurs. & Fri.	Thanksgiving Holiday School Closed

The Academy A Great Place To Be!!