



HELEN G. MUIR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

"Love is the rule in our school!"

I love fall...so many beautiful colors everywhere!! Our hallways are adorned with colorful pictures the children have made. They are all so wonderfully creative!! Take an extra minute to browse our halls and check out what a great artist your little one is!

During November we give thanks for the many blessings God has given us and how we can share what we have with families who need our help. We will again this year collect food to provide thanksgiving dinner for two families. Our children and parents have been so generous in the past bringing in food for this! What a blessing you have been to us! A list of items needed for the meals will be sent home soon!

We would also like to thank everyone who helped spread mulch on the playground on Saturday, October 3, 2009. We had a terrific group of people that included the cub-scouts, teachers and church members to help us spread 55 cu. Yards of mulch in record time! Our playground looks terrific! A big thank you to cub-scout dens "Tigers," "Bears," "Wolves," and "Webolos;" Charity, Makesha and Jay Houghton-Sink; Amie, Trey and Caitlyn Tugwell; Tucker Carwile, Kenny Julian; Brandy, Daniel, Gwen and Beth Sachau; Ruth, Josh and Dan Glass; John and Robin Chewing; Casandra Evans; Raymond Fauntleroy; Ed, Aurelia, Maxwell, and James Scharnhorst; Gail, Phil and Bre Carnes and John Muir. Thank you also to preschool parent, Susan Fletcher, for providing delicious brownies!

Norma Topping
Director



Below are important dates to remember in November

- Nov. 6 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Preschool Closed; Child care open for full time students
- Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Holiday -
&27 Center closed

TERRIFIC TWO'S

Leaves are falling down, down, down and it's no longer sunny and warm outside, it's getting cooler and fall has arrived.

The leaves are changing colors and falling down to cover the ground. Our trip to the pumpkin patch was great fun! Thank you to the parents who volunteered to drive so that we could go. Also "Thank you" to those parents who sent in treats for our Halloween party! Yummy!

In November we will be full of giving thanks, hence "Thanksgiving time. The children will need to bring in pictures of their favorite foods so we can use them for a craft. The color this month will be brown. Our room will be filled with turkeys, Indians, and Pilgrims. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Chandra Washington-Palmer
Ms. Ruth Glass



THRILLING THREE'S

Like Halloween witches, October just flew by! We had a great time at Dean & Don's pumpkin patch. The class voted the bumpy wagon ride a hands down favorite!

During morning circle, we are still working on sitting quietly, listening, and following directions. It's still hard for some of the children, but we are making progress. We are developing our fine motor skills while lacing, beading, and cutting; learning about descriptive words in our unit on pumpkins; and sorting and ordering with new file folder games. We continue to expand our self-help skills and will soon be working on putting on our own sweaters & jackets.

Our Halloween party was a "smashing" success. Again, thanks to our parents. We couldn't do it without you!

November will be equally busy. We will be learning about the 1st Thanksgiving. The children will take on Native American names, and our class will be "popping" when we do our lesson on corn!

Mrs. Michele Aravich
Mrs. Gail Carnes



MAGNIFICENT FOUR'S

The leaves are changing colors and the air is crisp. Fall is finally here. October has been a great month, and the children have been very busy learning so many different things. Continuing with our alphabet this month, our letters were P, C, T, & D. The class is also working on their numbers.

In our Doors to Discovery units, we wrapped up our unit about ourselves and have jumped into our new unit, "Vroom, Vroom!" The children have enjoyed their visits with Tabby Tiger and the hands-on activities and adventures with him. We have painted cars, made our own driver's license and car plates. We also talked about the things that we see as we ride in cars and the other means of transportation-taxis and buses.

Our field trip to Dean & Don's Pumpkin Patch was a big success. The children really enjoyed all the activities and had a great time.

We also had lots of fun at our class Harvest party filled with crafts, games and of course, goodies! A "Big Thank You" goes out to all who helped make this so much fun!

November will bring more letters and numbers. Thanksgiving will be discussed and celebrated with more crafts and songs to close out our fall season. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with me and the adventures will continue.

Mrs. Sarah Ramos



FANTASTIC FOUR'S 1 & 2

Fall is finally here and October was a month of discovery. We have continued with letters C & D and the numbers 1 & 2. We used touch to learn that leaves have different textures such as soft, rough, and fuzzy.

Tabby Tiger has taken us on a transportation adventure. We have learned about what vehicles travel on land, in the sky, and on the water. The class enjoyed making tire prints along with a stop-light snack and the many other crafts and activities with this unit. We have also learned about signs, roads, and maps.

October ended with our trip to Dean and Don's Pumpkin Patch. Thank you to all the parents that helped drive us there! We had a terrific time.

Mrs. Nicole Kelly
Mrs. Kimberly Allen

