



HELEN G. MUIR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

"Love is the rule in our school!"

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the two families we provided Thanksgiving dinner for. Your generosity made this possible and helped provide a valuable lesson for the children about sharing and loving one another the way God loves us! What a blessing your gifts were!

December brings many busy days of practicing our songs for the Christmas Program on Friday, December 18th. Our "singing bees" are excited to perform for their families! Their sweet voices will surely fill your hearts with the spirit of Christmas! Thank you, Mrs. Davis, for organizing the program reception, and to Mrs. Lewis for assisting her! Another big thank you goes out to our parents for providing the refreshments! Your support make our festivities most enjoyable!

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Norma Topping
Director



Fantastic Fours

The leaves are rustling and the wind is blowing and we have been learning all about fall. October has been full of letters C and D. Stop be and have a look at our letter tree in the hallway outside our class. Tabby Tiger has taken us on another great adventure.....a transportation adventure! We have learned about taxis, cars, roads, and signs. The students have enjoyed making horns, license plates, stop lights and many other crafts. Next month Tabby Tiger will teach us about healthy food and nutrition.

We have a new friend in our classroom whose name is "Al". Al came to our classroom and spoke to us about our feelings and how being different is OK!

We also learned about Thanksgiving and enjoyed making lots of crafts. Thank you to all our parents who contributed food to our food drive. December will bring lots of singing and all the joy that the month brings plus some learning too!

Mrs. Nicole Kelly
Mrs. Kimberly Allen

Important dates to remember in December -

Dec 18 - Christmas Program 9:30 a.m. Preschool closes for Christmas break immediately following the program. Child care will remain open until 5:30 p.m. for full time students

Dec 21-Jan 1 - Preschool and day care closed for Christmas break

Dec 28-31 - Child Care open for full time students

Jan 1 - Center Closed for New Year's

Jan 4 - Preschool and day care reopens

BLUE

Terrific Two's



Wow! These months are flying by and the weather is getting colder. I want to thank everyone who donated food for our food drive. We have so much to be thankful for and it is always nice to share with others.

Now that the month of December is finally here, I am sure that all we will be hearing from the children is Santa, Santa, Santa! Even though December is a short month, we will still be learning! Our color this month is blue and our shape is a rectangle. We will be spending time practicing our song for the Christmas program and hope to see you there. Ms. Glass and I wish everyone a safe and fun holiday as we look forward to 2010.

Mrs. Chandra Washington-Palmer
Ms. Ruth Glass



Thrilling Threes

We are happy to report that Gus made it through another November! And just like Gus's feathers, November sure did fly by! The month brought lots of new songs and finger plays. We are really into file folder games and we worked on two new ones; ordering pictures by size, and identifying rhyming pictures.

There once was a turkey named Gus,
In November he'd make a big fuss,
He'd scream and he'd cry,
His feathers would fly,
"My motto, December or bust!"

But of course the most important thing we learned in November was the story of the first Thanksgiving. We read about the pilgrims who left their homes in England on a ship called the Mayflower. We talked about the Native Americans who taught them how to fish, hunt, farm and build new houses so they could survive in their new land. And how on that first Thanksgiving the Pilgrims and Native Americans came together to give thanks to God for a bountiful harvest and all of His blessings.

We chose Native American names like "Noisy Crow" and "Gentle Breeze". We made and wore our feathered headbands and beaded necklaces. We played two Native American games; Jump the snake and Stick-in-the-hoop. We even learned some Native American symbols and sign language.

I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs. Carnes who did such a great job while I was out sick with the flu earlier this month and Mrs. Carnes and I hope everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Michele Aravich
Mrs. Gail Carnes



Magnificent Fours

Our class has many things to be thankful for this month! We have been talking about what we are thankful for and have all agreed the most important thing is our family. I am thankful for the wonderful children in my class and their very supportive parents, and the many blessings God has given.

November has taken our class on a new adventure with Tabby Tiger in "Tabby Tiger's Treats and His Taxi!" We have continued our alphabet and numbers; we have learned the letters I and J and reviewed our previous ones this month. The children are quickly improving their motor skills and social development. Each child had been working very hard. This month we talked about the first Thanksgiving and made several Thanksgiving crafts. We have role played as Indians and Pilgrims in our costumes we made ourselves.

Thank you to all the parents who contributed food to the needy families we adopted for Thanksgiving! It was a huge success!

December will be a very busy month with many new adventures. We are preparing for our annual Christmas program, so keep your ears open and I am sure that you will hear some beautiful Christmas songs.

Mrs. Sarah Ramos

MERRY CHRISTMAS

