

November '11 Yellow Room Newsletter

For Your Calendar

Thursday Nov. 17th Sharing Feast (see below)

Nov. 22-24 No School. Thanksgiving Holiday . School resumes Nov. 29

Sharing Feast-I will put out a sign up sheet for families to contribute to the Sharing Feast. The children will mix things together to create a snack mix.

October Learning

Lots of circle art. Try looking for circles at home and when on errands.

Gluing

Beginning to learn about emotions—we read When Sophie Gets Angry

Social Skill-Trading

Fine Motor Skills-using scissors, some stringing, pegboards

Chance to explore worms

Field trip to the apple orchard/pumpkin patch

Fire Station Dramatic Play—I saw lots of kids riding the fire truck together!

Beginning to pour own water at snacktime

Social Skill-beginning to learn names of peers

Upcoming in November

Artwork that children do together (to help encourage beginning friendships)

Grocery Store Dramatic Play—feel free to contribute empty boxes or full cans of food. I will donate cans to food shelf when we are finished with them.

Learning first letter and sound of Name

Squares

Social learning—continue trading; asking for a turn; inviting others to play

Beginning to work on counting. We'll start with two or three objects.

Cold weather is approaching. Please help your child be ready to play outside by sending cold weather gear. Labeling tags really helps us. Soon we will begin learning to put on snowpants. It is very helpful to us if you can practice this at home. If snowpants will be in the backpack, please help you child learn to open the backpack.

Emotion Concepts that we work on all year—naming emotions and identifying how a person is feeling (start with happy, sad, mad before more complex emotions); emotions have different strengths (I can be frustrated, irritated, angry, or irate—I call this little angry and big angry for the twos and young threes); emotions change (I am not always angry); help children learn to identify what helps them to feel better or stay calm when they are having a strong emotion. (For example, physical exercise, reading a book, working with playdough, etc.)

Thanks for all your help and support. As always, do not hesitate to contact me if there is something you'd like to touch base about. -Barb