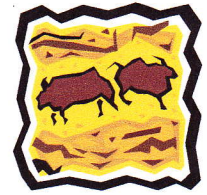


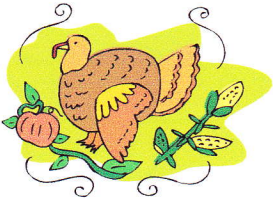
# PLAYMATES NOVEMBER KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the month of November. We have a very busy month. On Wednesday, November 3rd, we are having a "Harvest Day". Please dress for a fun harvest day celebration (overalls or blue jeans). The kindergarten children will be making pickles and the preschool children will be making a yummy harvest bread to share. There will be No School on Thursday, November 11th and Friday, November 12th (Timberlane has a Professional Development Day). The daycare will be open for those who need daycare. Please sign up if you need it. Thanksgiving vacation is November 25th and 26th. There is No School on Wednesday, November 24th, the daycare will be open for those who need it.

The themes for this month are Native Americans, Pilgrims and Thanksgiving. As the holidays approach many families have special traditions. If you would like to share some of your family traditions or do a craft activity, please let me know! I find the children really enjoy having their parents share part of their day.

As the weather gets colder, please dress your children appropriately. I still like to get them outside each day. Mittens and hats are really important. In the event of snow, we will follow the Timberlane no school announcements. In the event of a delayed opening, we will have school at the regular starting time. This year we ask that the children do not wear slippers in school, please have them bring sneakers or shoes to change into after they take off their boots. If they would like to leave a pair of shoes in school, they can.

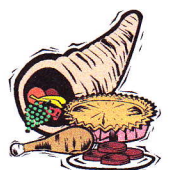


## THINGS TO DO AT HOME

1. Ask the children what beginning and ending sounds they hear.
2. Read stories about families, Native Americans, Pilgrims and Thanksgiving.
3. Practice writing first and last names, telephone numbers and addresses.
4. Practice tying shoes and zippering coats.
5. Children love to create books. Staple a few sheets of paper together and let them draw. You can write underneath the pictures, what is happening in the story. For those children who like to write the sounds they hear, let them WRITE, WRITE, WRITE!
6. Visit Plymouth Plantation.
7. Work on a puzzle with your child. It is good for the math part of their brains.
8. Cook or bake with your children. It is a fun way to introduce and reinforce numbers like 1 cup, 1/2, 1/4 etc. Take turns stirring by 5's and then count how many times you stirred your ingredients (5,10,15 etc.).
9. Make Thanksgiving Day cards to send to family members.
10. Count to 100!

## NOVEMBER SKILLS

- Letter sounds.
- Patterning and counting.
- Beginning story telling and writing.
- Word families (bat, cat, sat, etc.)
- Beginning and ending sounds in words.
- Vowels.



HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON!

Sandy Dooley