# Parma Kids Newsletter November 2020



"There is Always something to be Thankful for"

Happy Thanksgiving from the staff here at Parma Kids

### In this Issue

- 1. November Units
- 2. Dates to Remember
- 3. Covid Update
- 4. Snacks
- 5. Scholastic Book Orders
- 6. Christmas Baskets
- 7. Conferences
- 8. Classroom Reminders

## **November Units**

**2 year olds will learn about turkeys.** This month we will read about turkeys. We will make pictures and make circles to draw turkeys. Our class makes muffins for our tasting feast on November 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**3 year olds will study Pilgrims this month.** We will read stories, make costumes to wear to our feast and make and play Pilgrim games. We will go outside everyday that weather permits, so send your child to school in warm coats/hats/gloves.

**4 year olds** will learn about Native Americans and healthy living this month. We hope to travel to the Rochester Museum and Science Center on Monday, November 23<sup>th</sup>. Our tour would start at 10am, so if you plan on coming please meet us at the door by 9:45am. The cost this year is \$8 per person, adult and child. We will tour the Native American displays, then you can explore other parts of the museum. Masks will have to worn. A permission slip will go out as soon as it is confirmed with the museum.

**School Age** we love getting children outside as much as possible, even in the cooler weather so be sure to send your child with hats, gloves and coats when necessary.

#### **Dates to Remember**

- November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day- The Preschool is closed for the holiday but daycare is still open. Please let us know if your child will be attending.
- November 24th is our mini tasting feast for only our preschool classes.
   We will not have parents attending this year because of Covid.
- November 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Parma Kids will be closed for Thanksgiving break.

## **Covid Update**

Thank you to everyone that has been so cooperative in our efforts to keep us a healthy center. We see the sacrifices families are making by staying home more, but know that you are making a huge difference in helping to stop the spread of germs.

We are aware of the new recommendation to have all child in daycare over the age of two years wear masks. We are working out details to this that best fit our center. We always welcome any child that wants to wear a mask while they are here. For any questions feel free to reach out to us in the office.

#### **Snacks**

Our snack guidelines come from NYS which requires us to have 2 food categories. Theses food groups are grain, fruit, vegetable, milk, or protein (such as yogurt, cheese or beans). A few snack ideas are- cheese, pretzels, bananas, whole grain crackers, sliced fruit, unsweetened apple sauce, veggie sticks, hummus, water, 1% milk, or . You are not limited to these suggestions. If you are unsure if your snack idea is appropriate ask your child's teacher. *Please keep in mind that we are a peanut, tree nut, and shell fish free facility*. All snacks must be store bought. Thank you for all of your contributions!

#### **Scholastic Book Orders in November**

This month we will send home a variety of book order forms that would make great Christmas gifts. We will be ordering early to ensure delivery, and you can order online using code DZPB2 for your shopping convince. Please write GIFT on your order form if you'd like it in a sealed bag.

#### **Christmas Baskets**

Each year our school and church partner to give Christmas baskets to families in the school and community in need. They include food items for a dinner and a gift for each family member. Are you or do you know of a family that would appreciate and need a basket this year? Please talk to Kelley or Jasmin in the office. Privacy and confidentiality will be respected.

#### Teachers are available for conferences

4's have done a pretest in literacy and math. Results are always available to you. It is a baseline to compare progress for the year. All parents will be asked to meet in February to see the results of the January charting of skills. All of the teachers are available if you have concerns about your child.

#### Classroom Reminders -

Please remember to have your little ones wash their hands before they begin playing, as flu season is upon us and hand washing is a huge preventative in the spreading of illness and germs.

Our illness policy is if your child is running a fever of 100.3 F or higher, is vomiting, has 2 or more diarrheas, or has been on antibiotics for less than 24 hours, your child must remain home.

Please be sure you sign your child in to the attendance sheet at the window when you drop off your child off each day. The covid symptoms must also be checked. When you pick your child up at the end of the day, please be sure to sign your child out as well. Thank you!