



Kids Town Connection

November Notes

October was a busy and fun month at Kids Town with the Parent/Teacher conferences, the Fall Programs and all the Halloween fun. The children seemed to really enjoy performing for everyone, at least most of them did.

The pony pictures and rides and the Scholastic Book Fair are both fund raisers. Kids Town plans on using any profits to supplement our children's books and computer programs. If you have any suggestions on books or computer programs your children really enjoy let me know and we will check into getting them.

November will bring the fun of Thanksgiving with all the trimmings. Be on the look out for Pilgrims and Indians. Also, in November the entire school will be visiting the Petting Zoo which will be here on November 15th from 2-4. This is almost as much for the teachers as it is for the children.

We will be closing a few days during November. Veteran's Day, November, 11 we will be closed for the full day. You may want to take your children to the oceanfront for the annual Veteran's Day Parade. We will be closing at 11:00am on November 23rd, and then on November 24 & 25, for Thanksgiving.

Kids Town will again be collecting items for the Food Bank. Drop items in the lobby and we will be taking them to the Food Bank November 18. This a wonderful teaching tool for us to help children with the idea of compassion and sharing with the less fortunate.

Don't forget to vote for employee of the month either on line at our website or in the lobby. We honor the employee of the month at each staff meeting and the winner gets a gift card. So if you feel someone has gone above and beyond please take a moment and let us know about it.

Kids Town reminds every one to wash your hands or use the conveniently located hand sanitizer all around the building upon entering their child's classroom. Proper hand washing cuts down dramatically the spread of illness.

Have a great month and as always please call or stop in with any questions, concerns or compliments.



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Room 1

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

December is an exciting time and we're all looking forward to this holiday season. The theme for December is "Holidays." Feel free to bring in any holiday decorations/toys for the children to enjoy. Just make sure they're safe for infants to be around. Have a safe and Happy Holiday season!

Ms. Emily & Ms. Kaitlyn

Room 2

Wow, November already! The holidays are just around the corner. November's theme is Harvest Time. We'll be reading *Growing Vegetable Soup* by Lois Ehlert. We'll explore different vegetables through plastic toys and pictures and learn about planting and growing. We'll focus on sharing and talk about the meaning of Thanksgiving throughout the month.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday!

Ms. Kiah, Ms. Tiffany, Ms. Chelsea, Ms. Rose

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Room 3

This November, we are giving thanks for our family and friends and our different community helpers. Our themes will consist of us giving thanks and recognizing our family/friends, police/firefighters, military personnel, and our other persons in our lives. For dramatic play each child will have the opportunity to dress up as mommy, daddy, and different community helpers. We can't forget about "Turkey Day", in celebration of Thanksgiving we will be looking at our favorite holiday foods, making different turkey crafts, reading different thanksgiving stories and quotes, and most of all giving thanks to all of our love ones.

Room 4

It's the Holiday season!!!.....well almostJ

November is our Fall Harvest month! With the Thanksgiving holiday coming soon we are going to explore and talk about fruits and vegetables all month and you know what that means...many food tastings in Room 4's near future! Yay! Throughout this month we will also have many celebrations to help kick off this holiday season like Mickey Mouse and Cookie Monster's birthday!!! We will wrap this month up with a week at a fall carnival held in the classroom of Room 4!! So stop by and check us out.

Parents please join us for our Thanksgiving social on November 18th @ 3:45pm. This will be a "pot luck" so stay tuned for details coming to a parent board near you!

As always should you have any questions, comments, or concerns you are welcome to connect with me at room4@ktlc.us.com.

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Room 5

October was a busy month with the fun field trip to Hunt Club, the parent performance, pony pictures and conferences. Thank you for taking time to come speak with me about your child's development. November brings beautiful colors and cooler weather. Earning feathers for our Indian hats become a great behavior incentive this month. I am sure you will hear all about it as the month progresses. We will learn about The First Thanksgiving and how we each celebrate this special holiday.

As the cooler weather approaches please make sure you dress your child appropriately. Layers work well! We will go outside daily. Please make sure your Child's name is clearly marked on all of their clothing. A seasonally appropriate change of clothes is also needed for the classroom.

November school closings:

Friday November 11 School Closed for Veterans Day

Wednesday November 23rd 11:00 Dismissal

Thursday November 23/Friday November 25 School Closed Happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. Clare, Ms. Robin

Room 6

Welcome to R6's Tasty Acres Farms!

The wonderful R6 farmers in training are preparing a wonderful harvest for the Thanksgiving season. But before all of the festivities begin the mini-farmers need to be introduced to some new foods on the food pyramid. Throughout their continued education here at the farm the children will have the ability to try new foods, rediscover some old favorites and to combine flavors and ingredients to create some wonderful foods for Thanksgiving.

We invite you to join us here are Tasty Acres on November 18th at 3pm for an R6 Thanksgiving (snack) Dinner. This year the farmers will be in charge of preparing most of the meals themselves. So join us for great times, good foods, and an astounding menu.

Until Next Time...

Miss Z, Miss Tiffany, and Miss Chelsea

Room 7

Thanks for all your help with the Fall Celebration and Program! This month we will be focusing on the Thanksgiving Holiday and Fall Harvest. Our two letters of focus will be "Aa" and "Ss." In addition, we will continue reinforcing letters we have already learned: "Ee" "Nn" "Ll" and "Tt." We are beginning with these letters as these are the first letters of our students' names and will help them to learn how to recognize their names in print. The color of the month will be Blue and our shape is a Square. As always, we will be reading many wonderful books pertaining to our theme for the month. Our main book however, will be *Growing Vegetable Soup* by Lois Ehlert.

As a reminder, the weather is beginning to cool down so please be sure to bring in weather appropriate clothing. Also, please remember to check your child's folder everyday for assignments and correspondence.

Finally, please see below for a list of Kids Town closures during the month.

Friday, November 11: Closed for Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 23: Early Closing at 11AM

Thursday and Friday, November 24-25: Closed for Thanksgiving

Thanks for your continued support!!!

Room 7 Teachers

Room 8

November has arrived, and this is the month of thankfulness. Students will have an exciting learning experience this month. The main themes will be *Growing Vegetable Soup*, by Lois Ehlert, and autumn. The autumn theme will focus on leaves, harvest, American Indians, and Thanksgiving. This month will keep students engaged and hopefully taking in a lot of information. This is going to be a great chance also for students to learn about vegetables and colors from the book of the month. We will also continue to focus on letter and number recognition. The students are improving a lot with recognition and we hope they stay on this positive track!

This month there are important dates to mark on your calendars! The following day's school will be closed:

November 11th- Veterans Days

November 23rd - Half Day School closes at 11 for Thanksgiving Break

November 24th-25th- Thanksgiving Break

Parents should also bring in clothes for the winter. The warmer weather is coming to an end and we would like to keep them warm, so a change of clothes would be great! Please make sure that all clothes and jackets are labeled with first and last names.

Thanks,

---Ms. Christina & Ms. Robyn

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Nurse's Notes

the month of November we will focus on National Child Mental Health Month, Croup and Influenza.

When we think of a mental disorder involving our children, our hearts just tend to cringe. Mental health is such a broad category ranging from ADD Attention Deficit Disorder to Tourette's and other Tic disorders. A very informative website to look into would be www.aboutourkids.org.

Croup

What is croup?

Croup is a common [respiratory](#) problem in young children. It tends to occur in the fall and winter. Its main symptom is a harsh, barking cough. [Croup](#) causes swelling and narrowing in the voice box, windpipe, and breathing tubes that lead to the [lungs](#). This can make it hard for your child to breathe.

An attack of croup can be scary, but it is rarely serious. Children usually get better in several days with rest and care at home.

What causes croup?

Croup usually occurs a few days after the start of a cold and is usually caused by the same viruses that cause the [common cold](#). Croup is contagious. The germs that cause it can be passed from one person to another through coughing and sneezing and through close contact. Regular hand-washing and limiting contact with others can help prevent spreading croup to others. As children grow older and their lungs and windpipes mature, they are less likely to get croup. Getting a [flu shot](#) each year may help your child fight off some of the viruses that can lead to croup.

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms of croup are caused by narrowed airways. They include a barking cough; a raspy, hoarse voice; and a harsh, crowing noise when breathing in. The cough is very distinctive, so you'll know it when you hear it. It is often compared to the sound of a barking seal. Sometimes children breathe fast and need to sit up to breathe better.

Symptoms of croup often improve during the day and get worse at night. Sometimes children have croup attacks that wake them up in the middle of the night for a couple of nights in a row, but the illness usually improves gradually in 2 to 5 days.

How is croup diagnosed?

Your doctor will probably be able to tell whether your child has croup by examining him or her and asking about symptoms. Sometimes doctors can identify the distinctive barking cough of croup over the phone. Because croup can make breathing harder, your doctor may place a small clip called a [pulse oximeter](#) on your child's finger, toe, or earlobe to check if enough oxygen is reaching the [blood](#).

How is it treated?

Even though your child's coughing and troubled breathing can be frightening, home treatment usually eases the symptoms.

- Try to stay calm during an attack, and soothe your child. Crying can make the swelling in the windpipe worse and make it even harder to breathe.
- Breathing in moist air seems to help during a croup attack. Fill your bathroom with steam from the hot water faucets, and sit in the room with your child for 10 minutes. Or hold your child directly over a [humidifier](#), and let the vapor blow directly in his or her face.
- Breathing cool night air also seems to help sometimes. Dress your child in warm clothes, and go outside for 10 minutes.
- If symptoms improve with these methods, put your child back in bed with the humidifier blowing nearby. Do not smoke, especially in the house. If the symptoms happen during the middle of the night, it is a good idea to [sleep](#) in or near your child's room until morning. Be sure to keep your child well hydrated. Offer water, flavored ice treats (such as Popsicles), or crushed ice drinks several times each hour.

Please guard yourself against influenza this year please get your family their flu shot, visit your doctor or any local pharmacy that does flu shots or nasal spray.