

Sonshine Community

3 Year Olds

November 2022

Teachers: M-F: Mrs. Rucker
Assistant: M-F: Mrs. Patricia

Monthly Theme: Thanksgiving

November is a special month to focus on fostering in our students and children an attitude of gratitude (a thankful attitude). Take a moment to notice our "participation turkey" next to the classroom entrance with his feather full of things your children are thankful for. We will talk about the Pilgrims and Indians and share with them how important it is to give thanks to our Creator. During the month we will use vocabulary that describes the various symbols of Thanksgiving. We will share with the children how the Indians and the Pilgrims had to find or grow their food on trees, bushes, and vines. It is a novel idea to most small children to think that things like grocery stores, lights, etc. were not always there for people.

We will talk about what food is and why we need it. We will talk about healthy foods and their effect on the body. We will learn the idea of raw versus cooked foods. We will use our senses (sight, touch, taste) to identify 4 common fruits. We will talk about the different shapes and the different colors as we sharpen our skills by carefully observing and identifying what we see and touch. We will also talk about the different smells related to food and the different tastes. We will thank God for our senses.

THANK YOU:

Many thanks to the parents who have helped our Harvest Party run smoothly!

Special Activities

As we talk about food we will learn the nursery rhymes *Little Miss Muffet & Little Jack Horner.*"

During the month we will make our own butter from cream (just like the Pilgrims) to be used on our fresh baked corn muffins. We will mash up blueberries and cranberries to make a dye to decorate our Indian teepee.

We will share a Thanksgiving feast as a culmination of our discussions about the first Thanksgiving on Tue. 11/23 (TTH) class and Wednesday 11/24 (MWF) class. Please watch for the sign up sheet for refreshments.

Birthdays:

Xiah Guillaume November 1

Books & Nursery Rhymes

Barney says "Please and Thank You"

The Bernstein Bears Count their Blessings

He Remembered to Say Thank You

The Little Red Hen

David and Goliath

Isn't God Good

Clifford's Manners

Little Miss Muffet

Arthur's Thanksgiving

School Will Be Closed On:

November 1, Tues. – **Picture Day Day.**

November 8, Tues. – Election Day **Entire School Closed**

November 11, Fri. – Veteran's Day **Entire School Closed**

November 23 – Thanksgiving Feast – **NOON DISMISSAL**

November 24 & 25 – **Entire School Closed – Thanksgiving Break**