



LCNS Newsletter

November 2013

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Letter From the Director

Dates to Remember

Nov. 3-6
Book Fair

Nov. 11
No School-Veterans
Day

Nov. 13-14
No School-
Parent/Teacher
Conferences

Nov. 17
Begin In-House
Registration for 2015-
2016

Nov. 26-28
No School-Thanksgiving

Dear Parents,

Safety of our children here at LCNS is very important and we spent time in October talking to the children about fire safety. We had a fire drill where the children practiced hearing a loud bell, lining up in their classrooms quietly, and walking outside with their teachers to safety in the front of the building. We will continue to conduct safety drills throughout the year and we recommend talking to your children about safety at home too.

The Scholastic Book Fair is returning to LCNS during the week of November 3-6. Parents are encouraged to visit the book fair while your children are in class. Most books may be taken upon purchase. However, if we need to place any orders they will arrive here at school prior to the holidays. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to view great children's books as well as LCNS benefiting from sales to improve our own school library. If you don't see a book that you're interested in at the fair, we will have thousands of other books available to you via the Scholastic website. Orders can be placed via this link beginning Nov. 3 through Nov. 20. The books will be delivered to LCNS.
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/lincolnshirecommunityns>

As the weather gets cooler make sure you bundle up your kids in our adorable LCNS hoodies, fleece, and sweatshirts. It's a great way to keep them warm while supporting our school for Spirit wear Friday. Sales are on November 4th & 5th during the book fair.

The Art Lady (ala Mrs. Morrissey) visited the pre-k classes on Monday, October 20. She presented to the children one of our world's grand masters of art, Wassily Kandinsky. The children learned a little about the artist's life and got the chance to review some of his beautiful works of art. Afterwards, the children created their very own Kandinsky masterpiece! The Art Lady will continue to visit throughout the year introducing new artists so keep your eyes and ears open for her return. In the spring the pre-k will invite their families to an evening art show.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 13 and Friday November 14. Both day time and evening time conferences will be available. There is no school on either day. Please find childcare for your children during your conference. Many of our parents take turns watching each other's children so that everyone can get the chance to meet with a teacher. Look for sign-up sheets in your classroom for specific conference days and times. If you need to reschedule your conference day to another date, please feel free to ask your teacher. November conferences are a perfect time to go over where your child is in his/her development at this time and discuss plans and goals for furthering their development throughout the rest of the school year.

Registration for next year is already upon us! Current LCNS families may begin registering first on Monday, November 17, at 6:00 am. However, it is on a first come, first serve basis and classes will fill up quickly. Once you have registered, you must drop off the enrollment fee by Monday, December 1, 2014, or your spot may become available. Open registration for non-current families will begin on Tuesday, December 2.

Outdoor schedule change! Beginning on Monday and Tuesday after Thanksgiving, December 1st and 2nd, the 3's and On My Own classes will be going out first and the Pre-K will go out at the end of class. The state of Illinois suggests we stay inside if the temperature dips below 25. If you are unsure of the temperature, the best idea is to send your child to school prepared for outdoor play at all times. Appropriate dress for outdoor play includes coat, hat, mittens, boots, and snow pants, if necessary. Please label all items with your child's name. Some of the children's backpacks are not big enough to handle all of the winter clothing. Please consider an extra bag for these items.

As part of our outreach to the community, we are participating again in the annual District 103 Barnes and Noble event. On Saturday, December 6, we are scheduled to perform music and story time as entertainment for the event. We want everyone from LCNS to join Mrs. Knezevic (Mrs. K), and myself at the Lincolnshire Barnes and Noble. Stay tuned for the exact time.

Please review the calendar for the days off in November and as always if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me via email at director@lcns.org or by phone, 847 945 1450. All of us at LCNS wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!

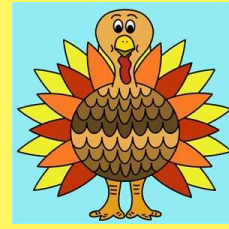
Warm turkey wishes,
Amy Morrissey
Director, LCNS

Happy Thanksgiving!





ON MY OWN November



Literature

Some of the books we will be reading this month are:
Mouse Mess,
If You Give a Moose A Muffin,
Very Hungry Caterpillar,
Bear Says Thank You.

Parent News

November is a busy month for On My Own. The class book and share bag are being sent home on a regular basis.

Remember to check your child's backpack after every class.

Parent/Teacher conferences are on November 13th from 9am to 12pm and 6pm to 8pm. Look for the sign-up sheets at drop-off.

Starting on Tuesday, December 2 we will begin our day outside. Please send your child dressed for outdoor play. Don't forget to label all of their outdoor items. Bring an extra bag for snow pants and other outdoor attire.

Student News

Our themes for the month of November are nutrition and Thanksgiving. We will practice fine motor skills by cutting and gluing paper carrots. The children will learn about colors and practice counting when we make our class turkey collage. We will also discuss the traditions and special ways we celebrate Thanksgiving with our families.

ON
MY
OWN



Looking Back

Taste testing apples and graphing.
Nature walk and collage of acorns and leaves.
Starting our share bag (the children love to show their friends their toys from home).

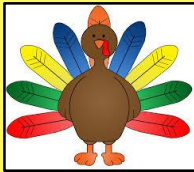


Important Dates

11/13 - Parent/Teacher conferences: No School

11/27 -No School

12/2 -Begin our day with outdoor play (dress for weather)



3's November Happenings

Parent News

Our class will be taking a field trip to Sunset Foods on Monday, November 10th. Look for chaperone sign-ups soon!

Conferences will be held November 13th. Sign-up sheets will be available in the beginning of November. Conferences will be 20 minutes long. Daytime and evening spaces will be available.

Please look for notes home in your child's backpack about activities that we will be doing in class this month! We will need your help with an ABC nutrition notecard and the ingredients to make stone soup.

NO SCHOOL:

Tuesday, Nov. 11-
Veteran's Day
Thurs, Nov 13 and Fri
Nov 14- Conferences
Wed, Thurs and Fri Nov
26, 27 and 28 -
Thanksgiving

Student News:

We kick off November with our unit on Nutrition. We will discuss the different food groups and what foods are good for your body. We will taste test strawberries and bananas. We will make stone soup and pizza! Always a hit!

To round out the month we will move to our Thanksgiving theme and make a special turkey to take home

Monthly Themes:

Nov. 3 – 17-Nutrition

Nov. 19 – 24-
Thanksgiving

3's November

Fine Motor

The children be working on proper scissor grip and cutting on the lines with our giant carrot project. We will be practicing fine motor with threading yarn through pasta to make a pasta necklace.

Math Skills

The class will be graphing our results from taste testing strawberries and bananas. We will be measuring during cooking, Children will do one to one correspondence counting and number recognition using the number line.

Literature

Giant Carrot
Red Ripe Strawberry and
The Hungry Bear
Stone Soup
Little Pea
Pizza
Gobble, Gobble, Crash
Tom Turkey
Bear Gives Thanks

Table Top

Our small back table by the dress up area holds a different fun activity for the kids to explore every day. This month our table top activities will include nutrition matching, sorting foods, magnets and writing on the white board.

Science

The class will talk about why healthy foods are good for your body and how your body uses food for energy.

We will explore the insides of various fruits and vegetables by cutting them open!



3's November

Looking Back...

October was a fun month for the 3's! We learned about measurement and comparisons by weighing and measuring pumpkins and comparing them to various classroom items, including ourselves! Our class made and ate yummy pumpkin muffins! We created many fun Halloween crafts!



Questions/Concerns??

Feel free to call, email or simply pull us aside. We are always here to help!

Pre-
K

November

Monthly Themes

Nov. 3-10:
Animals getting ready for winter
Nov. 12-21:
Fall harvest/nutrition
Nov. 24-25:
Thanksgiving

Student News

This month is packed with fun activities! We are going to observe how animals get ready for winter right on our playground. Have you seen any examples so far? We hope you like shopping because we are going to have our very own grocery store in our classroom. Not only will we be able to use grocery carts and cash registers, but we will sort the groceries into categories as well! We will talk about healthy foods and even paint with vegetables!!

The Art Lady will return this month and introduce us to another famous artist! I wonder who that "Art Lady" is?

At the end of the month, we are going to have our very own feast in the classroom. We will talk about different foods we eat at Thanksgiving, talk about traditions and look for foods in magazines to cut out and put on our pretend Thanksgiving plates!

Parent News

We have a busy month ahead. We will be holding our annual school book fair, Nov. 3-6. This is a great time to choose holiday gifts for your children and benefit our school. Nov. 10th, we will have our second visit from the Art Lady, learn about a famous artist and work on a project representing his art. Also beginning Nov. 10th, we will be asking for donations of canned goods to be used in our pretend grocery store and then donated to a local food pantry. Nov. 13-14 are parent/teacher conferences. Look for sign up sheets soon. If you are unable to conference during school hours, we will be available Thursday, Nov. 13, 6-8 PM. Monday Nov. 24th is our class Thanksgiving feast. Each child is asked to bring a small bag containing a healthy snack to share with the class. Please note: As of Monday December 1, AM and PM classes will begin having outdoor play at the end of their day.

No School

Nov. 11th- Veteran's Day
Nov. 13-14th- Conferences
Nov. 26-28th - Thanksgiving

Pre-K

November

Math

Our focus this month will be to count to 10 and recognize these numbers out of order. We will do simple AB and ABC patterns along with recognizing the basic shapes through group and individual games. The children will measure pasta in the texture table.

Literature

A Time to Sleep
The Hat
When it Starts to Snow
Nuts to You
To Market to Market
Tops and Bottoms
In November
Turkey Trouble
Bear Says Thanks
A Turkey for Thanksgiving

Fine Motor

We continue to encourage proper grip while writing our names. To further strengthen our fine motor skills, we will be drawing self portraits, working on a special project from the Art Lady, painting turkeys at the easel, print painting with vegetables, cutting and gluing pictures of food for a favorite meal plate and writing the letters U and C in our ABC books.

Reading/Writing

Letters of the week include U and C. Activities will provide a chance to reinforce upper case letter formation and recognition through tracing letters, writing letters on chalkboards, and writing letters in ABC books. Auditory letter recognition will include our "which one doesn't belong?" tray, letter of the week word chart, Jolly Phonics, and class stories.



Pre-K

November



Looking Back...

The children had fun camping in our classroom with sleeping bags and a pretend campfire. We went on a nature walk and learned about different trees. We collected leaves and made beautiful fall collages. We ended the month with many pumpkin activities, including, exploring the inside of a pumpkin, roasting the seeds and tasting them at snack time.

November Book Club



This month in book club we read books about clouds! We made clouds out of shaving cream, glue and glitter and wrote about what our clouds looked like. The kids had cloud races using cotton balls and straws, and we made mighty milk (milkshakes) to go with the book *It Looked Like Spilt Milk*. To celebrate Halloween we read some great books made puppets and tootsie roll pop spiders.

Books We Love!!

Duck, Rabbit

Little Cloud

I Am Blop

Pumpkin Trouble

The Gigantic Turnip

Chrysanthemum

The students are doing such a great job on learning their word wall words. They get to write the words on dry erase boards, read them with a pointer or make them using cut out letters.

Literacy Skills

During center time we reinforce skills that we focus on during our story and group time, as well as some emergent reading skills.

Here is what we focused on this month:

- sequencing a story
- retelling of a story
- letter recognition
- shape and color words

Word Wall Words

I, go, can, run, see,
up, the, in

November EAGLES



In EAGLES this month our unit has been BATS!! We learned a lot of facts about bats by looking at non-fiction books. We found out that baby bats are called pups, they sleep upside down, they eat fruit and insects, they are mammals and they live in groups called colonies.

We were also introduced to some new vocabulary words such as ***nocturnal and echolocation!***

We created a graph to show if we thought bats were *creepy or cute*. We made bats to hang upside down in our hallway as well as bat paintings. We also made bat slime using water, borax, glue and plastic bats. They loved getting their hands on that!

Halloween was spent reading some great stories and exploring our Halloween centers!!

Centers

During our centers this month we did a lot of work on counting and number recognition as well as making patterns and using shapes to make pictures. Their fine motor skills were also challenged using a tweezers to pick up bat rings! They also used pictures to retell *There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bat*.

Batty Books

***There Was An Old Lady
Who Swallowed a Bat
Bats at the Library
Baby Bat's Lullaby
Bats at the Beach
Stelluna***

NOVEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Daylight Savings Time Ends	3 Book Fair 8:45-1:15	4 Book Fair 8:45-1:15	5 Book Fair 8:45-1:15	6 Book Fair 8:45-12:00	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day No School	12	13 No School	14 Parent Teacher Conferences	15
16	17 In House Registration for 2014-2015 begins at 6am	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
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