

# Kidz Corner NEWSLETTER

## MudPies NORTHWEST CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

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The goal of "Kidz Corner" is to provide monthly updates with parents and others interested in MudPies CDC. It serves to bond all center family together into a family unit and keeps the families informed of all center activities and functions. In each issue, we will share information about our centers, upcoming events, changes in the field of early childhood education and the special learning programs NWCDC offers.

### Director's Corner

This year is moving fast! Let's take time to enjoy the splendid colors nature has given us.

I want to thank the parents as a partner in our program and the staff for their dedication.

Parents who use the Seek Cards, please remember this helps our program keep a more consistent attendance record for the state. Thank you for your time in learning along with us in this process.



A special shout out to the families in our center with new additions to their families. Congratulations!

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### Class Acts

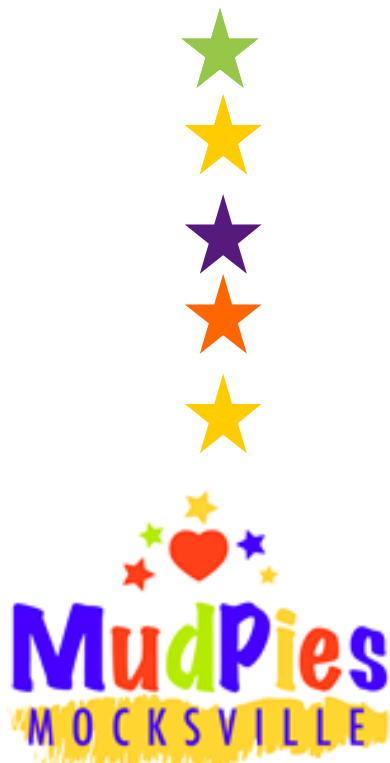
#### Infant Room "Sugar Babies"

Michael, Kaiis and Alexis had their First Birthday in October and they are trying out walking! They think they are big boys and girls visiting the toddlers and exploring. They are gaining their independence and now are moving cribs and high chairs everywhere. Luke is laughing out loud now and grasping toys. Carson loves to be talked to and gives you a great big smile when engaging him in your conversation. The little ones are growing very quickly! We thank the parents for letting us share these special moments.

#### Toddler's Pooh Bear News

November is a fun and exciting time in the toddler class. Our room is decorated like fall. We will have lots of Thanksgiving pictures displayed around the room. The children will decorate Indian head bands and pilgrim hats. Painting and tickling with feathers is always fun! Thanksgiving stories will be read daily and in art we will make handprint turkeys, and gobble and strut all day long.

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## Class Acts (continued)

At the end of the month we will explore different kinds of music and musical instruments. Christmas music will also be introduced. Red and green scribbles will begin to go up to help decorate our class. We will welcome our new friends who will visit our classroom and remind our older toddlers to use safe touches.

Parents, please make sure your child has a warm change of clothes and always has shoes and a coat. We go outside daily.

### Two's

Our room will continue working on self help skills (washing hands, pulling clothes up and down, putting on shoes). Our classroom is always working on following directions, learning colors and shapes. We will introduce Thanksgiving throughout the month of November. There will be pictures displaying Thanksgiving in the past and the present and pictures of Thanksgiving with our families. We will focus on spending time with our families and going to Grandma's house. We will invite our families to join us for a Thanksgiving Feast— a covered dish luncheon for the families! An invitation for the families will be sent closer to the holiday.

### Three's

Our class will be discussing the Thanksgiving holiday, Indians and pilgrims. We are adding items in dramatic play preparing for a trip to Grandma's house for the holidays. We will discuss things we are thankful for. Our art activities will focus especially turkey's, using skills like cutting and manipulating scissors, table manners and correct hand washing. Near the end of the month our focus will turn to music introducing different kinds of music from around the world.

### Fours Safari Room

November is a busy month focusing on the upcoming holiday. We will discuss the history of Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving now. In art we will make headbands and hats, make turkeys with our hands, and stuff a turkey. We will also cut feathers and read stories about the holidays.

Music will be coming at the end of the month and the introduction of different kinds of music and instruments. We will be working on different letters this month and counting and working puzzles and cutting experiences. We are always discovering with science, just having fun.

### Pre-K

We will enjoy story time with "Pilgrim on the 7<sup>th</sup>." We will be talking about People Before Us. Remember to ask your child how they were dressed.

The week of November 14<sup>th</sup> the children will prepare a Thanksgiving Feast for their families, including

- Turkey - wash, oil and bake it.
- Dressing - mix and bake it.
- Green beans - break and cook them
- Sweet Potatoes - turn into a casserole
- Cranberries - turn into a relish

The children will have a wonderful time exploring this cooking experience please make plans to join us!

We will close out the month with a musician who will come and play for us during the week of November 28<sup>th</sup>.

### After Schoolers

The themes for November are: *People Before Us, Let's Give Thanks, Let's talk Turkey and Sound of Music.*

During this month and during the themes I will introduce wonderful experiences daily to the Schoolers.

The Craft and activities will include:

- Paper Cup Turkeys
- Pilgrim Boys and Girls Hats and Bonnets
- Thanksgiving Tree placing leaves on the tree of things they are thankful for.
- Make a Mayflower Boat
- Paper bay Cornucopia's
- A Thanksgiving Window
- An Apple Turkey
- Making Musical Instruments.

This a very busy month with lots of arts and craft, stories and songs. There is never a dull moment in our class - Ms Joyce always has interesting activities for the children to experience!

