Hello families-

The month of November is one of the months I am most passionate about. To me, November is the month of reflection and family. We are encouraged to give thanks for what our lives hold. For the relationships, values, and beliefs that we hold dear. Personally, giving thanks means stepping back and taking the time to increase our awareness of our blessings. It also means a time for family. We allow ourselves to gather together and embrace one another. It is a time that is very special to me!

We also look forward to this season at the CCD. As the children continue to learn and develop at school, we use this time to continue our quality teaching practices. I am so proud of our staff here at the CCD. Our teachers work tirelessly to provide a safe, loving environment for your little ones. We have such a unique combination of providing security and promoting physical and mental development that can’t be matched!

I look forward to moving through this month with you. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, I am always here for you! Feel free to stop by my office, call, or send an email.

Best Wishes,

Stephanie Haney, Director

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From Mrs. Melissa’s class…

We have finally made it to November. Its hard to believe how this year has flown by. The children have been enjoying the outdoors, getting to playing in the fall leaves, and enjoying the beautiful weather. This month the infants will be learning all about their 5 senses. What we see, hear, feel, taste, and touch. There are so many activities centered around our 5 senses because we use them every day. This month is also a time to be with those we care most about, a time to be thankful for our family, and friends. We will do activities about the things we are thankful for. In the spirit of being thankful we will have a Fall Feast to welcome our family and friends so we can share what’s most precious to us….time together.

From Mrs. Sherrie’s class…

This month Ms. Sherrie’s class will be doing three themes. The first will be senses. We will be learning songs about our senses, feeling different textures, and smelling different scents. The second will be colors. We will be mixing colors in art, sorting blocks by color, and using food color to explore different colors in our science activities. The third theme will be jungle. We will be learning about animals found in jungles, looking at and discussing pictures of people who make the jungle their homes, and tasting some fruits that are found in the jungle.

From Mrs. Sharla’s class…

The first week will be 5 senses, and then we will follow that up with colors. The third week will be Thanksgiving which will flow into the fourth week of pilgrims and Native Americans. It will be a fun, family-filled month!

From Mrs. Myrna’s class…

Fall has finally arrived. October was a very busy month for our class. We will take a short break from our extracurricular activities until Family Feast. I look forward to celebrating this center wide event with each of you. We will be introducing Our Five Senses for the first two weeks of November. We will be using all our senses to explore our environment. Of course, tasting will be our favorite. We will end the month with a Fall theme. A big thanks to each of you for the completion of Parent -Teacher Conferences. As always, thanks for making my day brighter.

From Mrs. Samantha’s class…

For the month of November, we will focus on two themes. These themes are 5 senses and Thanksgiving/Fall. With the 5 senses theme, we will learn all about hearing, seeing, tasting, touching, and smelling through a variety of sensory activities. Of course November welcomes the holiday season and we look forward to the many fun things that are planned for this month, such as the Thanksgiving Fest and the Thankful Quilt that each family will make. Happy November and we can’t wait for the fun to begin!
From Mrs. Bridgitte’s class…
What an amazing time we have had this past month. One of our favorite themes was learning about space! We dressed up in our "space suit" and explored "moon rocks" with our "space gloves". We even painted a picture of space by laying on our backs and painting black paper taped to the underside of our tables! Be sure to check out our pictures!! Now we are looking ahead to our upcoming adventures in November. We start off learning about fall and will take a nature hike and collect items that represent fall to use in decorating our room and in art projects. Next we explore the works of author Jonathan London, our five senses, and turkeys. We will wrap up the month by learning all about hibernation. So much fun!!

From Ms. Zkela’s class…
This month, we will learn about Fall, Jonathan London Books, Five Senses, Turkeys, and Hibernation. The letters for the month are B, C, D, E, and F. Also, the children will listen to stories; explore; play games; create art; continue to learn how to work together; write; recognize numbers; shapes; and etc. We are going to have so much fun learning about these units.

From Mrs. Kimmy’s class…
October was such a busy, fun month. Now November is here. Chilly weather will be arriving soon. Feel free to bring a lightweight jacket/sweatshirt for chillier days. You are welcome to leave one in your child’s cubby. This month we will be discussing: Fall, Jonathan London Books, Turkey’s and Hibernation. It will be a fun filled educational month. On Friday, November the 18th, we will have a “Family Feast.” You and yours are invited to join us for our special luncheon. More information to come soon on this occasion. Thank you for meeting with me and participating in our Teacher/Parent Conferences. If at any time, you would like to meet about your child and/or their progress, please feel free to contact me. I am available most of the day from 7:30-4:30, or other times if needed. We can always work something out. We are so excited that you entrust us daily with your precious children. We are really enjoying our class. Thank you for all that you do.

From Mrs. Rachel’s class…
Fall is finally here! The cooler weather in the mornings and evenings is wonderful! Please remember to change out your child's cubby clothes to match the changing weather. In true fashion, this month's first theme is "Fall." The children will learn about the changing leaves, what we wear, what animals are doing, and many other things! Our second week will focus on the Froggy books by Jonathan London. Froggy goes on many adventures and the children will have fun going on them with him! Next, we will explore our five senses. The fourth theme of the month is "Turkeys." This will align with Thanksgiving. Remember the CCD will be closed on the 24th and 25th of this week! Lastly, we will discuss hibernation. This is always a fun time in our classroom. We plan a lot of special activities! This month is sure to fly by due to all the fun we will have!
**A reminder on pick-up time**

Please keep in mind, that we do not allow children to be picked up or dropped off between 12:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. every day. This is very important to classroom management, because this is the time that children are resting/napping quietly. Picking up or dropping off between those hours is highly disruptive to the students in the classroom. If there is simply no way to avoid this, please get prior approval from the Director. Thank you for your cooperation with

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**1,000 Books Challenge**

Don't forget to keep working on your 1,000 Books Challenge. Bring in your sheet to get a sticker for your Seymour. 10 stickers=1,000 Books! Need a new packet? You can get one from Ms. Stephanie!

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**Nov. 23, 2016**

As stated in the parent handbook, the CCD goes by the University calendar for closures. It is already indicated that the CCD will be closed November 24th and 25th in observance of Thanksgiving. From time to time, the university president will decide to close the campus early on November 23rd as well. Often, this is announced the day of. If that is the case we will be sure to alert you as soon as possible, just please be aware that this may be a possibility!

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**Did you know?**

The CCD provides a resource bank/lending library for families. This area allows families to check out materials for free! Some wonderful items you will find are:

- Age appropriate children's books
- Thematic play boxes
- Books on parenting
- Books on children’s development
- Educational DVD's and videos
- Resources from the community
- Educational toys/activities for children
- Literature on a variety of topics
- Plus much more!

Please be sure to check out this wonderful resource in the conference room!