



### A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello Everyone,  
Here we are in the 11<sup>th</sup> month of the year. It is hard to believe that 2023 is winding down but we still have so many things to celebrate and be thankful for. This past month we went trick or treating to the Milwaukee Catholic Home and Ascension Columbia St. Mary's Hospital. We would like to extend a special thank you to all the parents that were able to join us for this special event. We were so grateful for your help.

We have so many things planned for this month so please make sure to check the parent boards for details.



November 9<sup>th</sup>, we have the City of Milwaukee Fire Department coming to do a presentation for our Leaping

Frogs and Roaring Lions classrooms on Fire Safety.



Don't forget to save the date for our Fall Family Fun Night Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-5.

There will be activities planned in each classroom and a light meal will be served. Please sign up on the clipboard on the front desk so we know how many people plan to attend.



Parent-teacher relationships are most effective when participants have frequent and open communication with each other and demonstrate mutual respect for each other's role in a child's life. When families are positively involved in their child's education, the child will flourish. Teachers prepare

for conferences by thinking about each child's interests and progress. Thank you for turning in your child's ASQ (Ages and Stages Questionnaire). Teachers will score them and share results with you during Parent Teacher Conference Time. Please see sign up sheets located in your child's classroom. If you are unable to make it for the day it is scheduled, please talk with your child's teachers.



### **PUMPKIN DECORATING**

Thank you for your votes for our annual pumpkin decorating contest. The staff had fun using their talents to create some amazing pumpkins again this year.



**\*\*\*Just a reminder that the center will be CLOSED on THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23rd and Friday NOVEMBER 24th for the THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY\*\***



We would like to welcome our new families that have joined us this month and are looking forward to our journey together.



Staff Halloween Fun



**Reminder:  
Fall Back Day Light Savings  
Time Ends**

**Sunday November 5th**

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour



**November Birthdays:**

- Michaela 11/2
- Brooks 11/3
- Adelaide S. 11/4
- Owen B. 11/4
- Huxley 11/5
- Judith 11/11
- Charles 11/17
- Luna 11/17
- Apollo 11/21

**Staff Birthdays**

- Ms. Andrea M.- 11/5
- Ms. Brenda- 11/6



**Community Events**

11/4-Free day at the Milwaukee County Zoo (parking\$\$)

11/18- Fox and Branch Family Folk Music concert- The Coffee House at 7:30pm

**Special Days in November**

- 11/4- Book Lover's Day
- 11/11-Veteran's Day
- 11/13- World Kindness Day

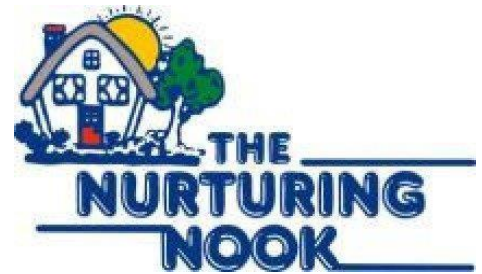
In the event you are unable to reach our center, please call our emergency phone **414-507-6084**. You can also call one of the other centers and they can get in touch with Mary, Andrea M, or Andrea O.

Glendale/Donna

414-961-1482

Riverpoint/Valerie

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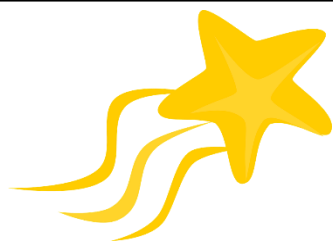
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### News from the Little Stars

It is hard to believe we are already two months away from finishing the year. The stars room has been very busy and we have seen such growth in our babies in just a short time. Two of our babies will already be moving to Sprouts in the coming weeks.

As we get closer to winter, please make sure that the extra clothes we have are appropriate for the weather.

Thank you for your participation in our pumpkin decorating contest. Please be sure to check daily sheets as sometimes we do not voice the things your child needs.

### **Nov 6- 10 Fall and all its colors**

This week we will revisit our fall theme and include all the colors we see in fall. We will look at the leaves and the colors.

### **Nov 13-17 It's Turkey Time**

We will explore turkeys using pictures, books, and sensory options. we will make our own turkey.

### **Nov 20-24 Happy Thanksgiving**

This week we will talk about being thankful and we will read a book about Thanksgiving. We will explore pumpkin pie and cranberries baby style.

### **Nov 27 - December Author week- Karen Katz**

This week we will be reading books by Karen Katz. We will be doing activities to match each book's theme.

#### **Reminders Parents**

- Please wash your baby's hands every morning when you arrive.
- Please sign your baby in and out daily.
- Please label the caps of your baby's bottles with your child's initials and the date; the labels are in the room
- **Can you please bring a family photo.**
- Please make sure your baby has 2-3 extra pairs of clothing.

#### **"Thank you, Parents,"**

Ms. Mayra, Ms. Lori, Ms. Elia and Ms. Augusta



### **Sparkling Sprouts Newsletter**

Welcome November! Gosh it is hard to believe that this year is almost over. This month we have so much planned. We will talk about fall, owls, and giving thanks.

### **Nov 6th-17th Fall and owls**

We hope to get out on a buggy ride to see the fall colors. The infants will have so much fun painting with fall colors and may get a little messy. (Please send your child in play clothes) We will be reading Fall Mixed Up, 5 Little Owls Sitting on A Fence, I Love Fall, Owl Always Love You, My First Fall. Dancing to some fall favorites. The infants will also be busy working on their own individual Milestones.

### **Nov 20th-Dec 1st Giving Thanks**

We will be working on being kind to our friends, giving thanks to others, and self-help skills. We will be learning new rhymes such as 5 Little Turkeys, Thankful for Me, If You're Happy and You Know It. Wednesday Nov.22nd, we will be having a pajama day, wear your favorite pjs and bring your favorite book. The infants will be hard at work making friendship wreaths with their hands. Reading

stories on Being kind to our friends. We will be working on using our sippy cups to drink from and using a spoon to eat with. We are asking for an updated family picture to post on one of our bulletin boards.

I want to say thank you to all our parents for really supporting each other. I truly love our parent group here at the Nook. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please reach out and ask. We are looking forward to a fun filled month.

**Ms. Sarah & Ms. Kinsey**



### News from the Toddling Turtles



Hello families, we begin the month of November with joy and satisfaction, because every step that we have taken with the children, has contributed to their growth and development of their emotional and motor skills. Some of the children have

reduced the time they use their pacifiers, others have started using regular milk, and with our help and encouragement, they start practicing with the walker to take their first steps.

For November, we will have a series of activities that relate to the eleventh month of the year such as, The Day of the Dead and Thanksgiving.

### **Halloween: October 30 - November 10**

On Halloween, the children should wear their costumes and will have the traditional visit to the Milwaukee Catholic Home next door, to collect candy and later during the day a party will take place to continue the celebration. During the party, the children will be introduced to the Mexican culture; they will listen to music and will color images that relate to the movie Coco; also, during these days, and since the children are sensitive to meals and sleeping times, we will make accommodations and prepare the children for daylight savings.

### **Seasons: November 13 – 17**

We are planning a series of activities that relate to the season such as: the decoration of the classroom with the colors of Autumn, the children will help paint leaves

and glue cotton swabs on images of corn in addition, the children will be taken to the park to collect leaves and bring them to the playground for the children, to jump and throw around, so that the children can enjoy the occasion.

### **Thanksgiving: November 20-30**

The long-awaited Thanksgiving Day arrives and all the families will come together to celebrate at home. Here in our classroom, we will have a series of activities to celebrate the occasion: apples will be decorated with candy, images of turkeys will be painted and stamped with every child's hand, crafts will be made and stained-glass windows will be made using colored paper.

**Thank you,  
Ms. Maria, Ms. Jamira and Ms.  
Kayla**

## **News from The Little Bears Room**



November has arrived just in time for family gatherings with memories to warm the heart. October gave us a wonderful fright with sweet treats to eat as well. The party was a success and the costumes were wonderful as well. Thank you to every family for your participation, the children loved it. We in the Little Bears Room would like to welcome Zoe with a big bear hug to our classroom!

### **Family Week: October 30<sup>th</sup> - November 10<sup>th</sup>**

During this week we will be discussing our family's nucleus. Which will include the people we live with and see daily like Mom, Dad, siblings, and any pets that we have.

### **Extended Family Week: November 13-24**

This week we will be talking about our extended family like grandma, grandpa, cousins, aunts, and uncles. We will begin to talk about our family traditions that we have especially during the holidays.

### **Family Memories: November 27<sup>th</sup>-December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Our focus during this week is to talk about fun memories that we have with our families. We would like for all families to write a fun memory that includes the whole family. That memory will be

shared and discussed during transition time and circle time with our friends. The milestones in this lesson plan will be to encourage safe Social- Emotional sharing along with an increase in language development. There will be lots of art including pictures of mom and dad.

The Little Bears look forward to December to discuss the animals that migrate and hibernate. The milestones for this month will include cognitive, literacy and some mathematical skills that will be fun for all.

Thank you  
Ms. Sonya & Mr. Jake

## **News from The Jungle Room**



Last month we had a wonderful month celebrating Halloween by going trick or treating at the hospital and Milwaukee Catholic home. We also had fun experiences with pumpkins by scooping out the insides and playing counting games with the pumpkin seeds. We did lots

of creative arts with paint, and we displayed our works of art around our classroom. We did pretend play with our dolls and practiced taking turns with our classroom toys, we talked about our emotions and did lots of large motor activities. The kids enjoyed Fire safety week! We pretended putting out a fire from the play house the kids were wearing their firefighting gear and we also used a water hose. Look out for picture displays in the hallway. Thank you for bringing in the pumpkins to decorate.

This month we will be working on recognizing our body parts, and we will also be working on a letter each day A, E, I, O, U. We will have a Thanksgiving theme as we get closer to Thanksgiving and a unit on transportation.

### **A E I O U**

#### **Nov 6<sup>th</sup> thru Nov 10<sup>th</sup>**

This week we will learn a new letter each day. On Monday we will work on recognizing the letter **A**. We will talk about what feelings start with the letter A and for a craft activity we will decorate the letter A with different materials. We will practice saying our letters in Spanish,

sing the ABC song and counting cheerios as we glue cheerios onto the letter O, we will play toss the bean bag on the letter O. For the letter E we will listen to the Elmo song with our listening ears and do an Elmo craft. For the letter I we will glue different materials onto an ice cream template. For the letter U we will sing a song called I LOVE YOU and practice showing and understanding our feelings, for craft activities we will do some water color painting. The kids will enjoy marching around the room to the song, The ants go marching.

### **BODY PARTS**

#### **Nov 13<sup>th</sup> thru Nov 17<sup>th</sup>**

During this week we will be singing songs where there is lots of movement that includes stomping our feet, clapping our hands, shaking our hips, and just enjoying learning all about the amazing things our bodies can do. We will practice using some sign language words like: eat, more, please, thank you, mom, and dad. We will have some Puppet play this week and do some alphabet puddle jumping activities. For group activities we will do some finger painting on white paper, use

playdough to make people. We will practice using our hands for gentle touches, and remember our feet are for walking and kicking balls. We will be practicing putting on our coats, mittens, shoes, and hats. We would appreciate if the parents would practice this with their kids at home.

### **THANKGIVING WEEK**

#### **Nov 20<sup>th</sup> thru Nov 24<sup>th</sup>**

This week we will be talking about gratitude and giving thanks to family and friends. For Family partnership, I will be sending home a cut out turkey pattern and have the parents glue feathers and write what the family is thankful for. For group time we will read the books: Run turkey run, 10 fat turkeys. For craft activities we will be gluing different fruits and vegetable to glue on a Cornucopia, and pumpkin pie slice craft. I will have turkey and pumpkin picture hiding around the room for the kids to find them. Wishing everyone a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving with their family and friends.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

#### **Nov 26<sup>th</sup> thru Dec 1**

This week is all about transportation and talking about places you could go using different forms of transportation, we will read some transportation books, and make sounds of the different kinds of transportation we may see. I will show different types of transportation who could name them? For craft we will be gluing together the pattern of a car. We will make a collage of different types of transportation. The kids will love playing in mud with cars and then clean them with soap and play pretend we driving a car using our classroom chair. For family partnership we will be doing show & tell bring in your favorite transportation toy to share with the classroom. Outside we will play with bike and cars and looking at different transportation when they pass by. If you have any questions feel free to talk to us at any time.

## **The Leaping Frogs News**

Ms. Millie and Ms. Iyona



This is un-be-leaf-able! It's November! Although the days are getting shorter, and the nights are getting colder, the Frogs are ready to dive into so many new things. We have a few fun events to look forward to this month.

November 14th-15th is Picture Day. November 16th is our Fall Fun Fest family night.

November 21st will be our intergenerational Thanksgiving lunch with the Grand-Friends. November 22nd we are holding conferences. Just a reminder the center will be **closed on November 23rd & 24th**. With winter approaching quickly we urge parents to bring in necessary winter gear and extra clothing that is appropriate for the season. All clothing should be labeled with your child(ren)'s name. Thanks for all that you do!

### **Nov 6th-10th Family**

The Holiday season is here and nothing is more important than spending time

with family. During this time our Froggy friends go over who's in their family. This week to involve the families we are asking that you create a family tree with your child.

Family, **Mother, Father, Sister, Brother** and **Love** are sight words that we will be focusing on. This week's activities are:

Family sensory bin, "How many people live in my house", Sight word tracing, and family portraits drawing.

### **Nov 13th-17th Harvest**

We all know that food is for eating but, this week we will learn how we grow and harvest some of our foods. We have a matching shape fruit tree cognitive activity planned that the Grand-friends will be participating in.

The Frogs will be dressing a scarecrow, reading *Johnny Appleseed*, Making popcorn shakers and more. This week the frogs will also be watching a special up-close demonstration of Popcorn making. The Popcorn that we make will not be eaten by the children. We will provide non-kernel popcorn for the children as a snack.

### **Nov 20th-24th Thanksgiving**

Family, Food, and Fun! Thanksgiving week is short but we Still have lots planned. For arts and crafts, we will be making pilgrim hats. The Frogs will participate in a

Thanksgiving parade around the center to showcase their pilgrim hats and continue the holiday tradition. To exercise our gross motor skills, we have a turkey feather relay race and a pumpkin hopscotch activity planned. What is Thanksgiving without pie?

With so many choices to choose from our classroom will participate in a Pie survey with the Grand- Friends. Have a happy Thanksgiving

### **Nov 27th-Dec 1st Friends**

Family is important but so are friends during the holiday season. This week we will focus on what being a good friend looks like. We will focus on communication skills, boundaries, and safe play with friends. Although most of our Froggy friends have been classmates for a while, there have been some new editions added along the way. Our Froggy friends will be put in pairs to complete a scavenger hunt as a social activity. The classroom will create a friendship tree to

showcase that we are all friends in the Frog classroom.

### REMINDERS:

-Please remember to **sign your child in and out** each day.

-Please clean out your child's cubby at least **once a week!**

-Ms. Carmen & Ms. Savannah



Roaring Lions November News

Oh my, It's November already! That means it is time for all kinds of fun activities and adventures. This month we will be discussing the different animals we see in the fall. We will also have a unit about ourselves and our families. We will also be having a unit about the Thanksgiving holiday and how we celebrate. Our last unit is all about the five senses which we will explore through fun hands-on activities. Also, on November 9th we will be having a special visit from the Milwaukee Fire Department

to discuss fire safety tips with our classroom



### Halloween/Harvest Week October 30 - November 3

This week we will talk about harvest time and will take part in digging up the garden and getting it ready for winter. We will also dress-up in our favorite characters and take part in trick or treat with our grand friends as well as have a Halloween party. For more information look for our sign-up sheet posted.



### Fall animals Week November 6- 10

During this week we will learn about different fall animals and discuss how they get ready for the winter months. We will explore their different homes and discuss which ones will be taking a long winter's nap. We will do so through books and hands-on experiences such as taking a walk around the

neighborhood to see if we can spot any fall animals.



### All About Me Week November 13-17

During this week we will make an all about me book and do a fun Name art project. We will take part in a height and weight activity as well. We will also be doing a family project so, watch for a hand-out for more information in your child's mailbox.

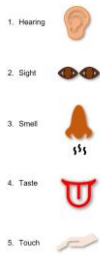


### Thanksgiving Celebration Week November 20-24

During this week we will be doing all kinds of fun turkey activities and crafts. We will be having a Thanksgiving feast with the grand friends at the catholic home and reading some fun Thanksgiving books. Don't forget this will be a short week, because; we will be closed both Thursday and



Friday to celebrate the holiday with our families.



### **5 Senses Week November 27- December 1**

This week is all about the 5 senses. We will be having all kinds of fun activities like glitter plates, Kool-Aid playdough. We will get the opportunity to do all kinds of exciting crafts like a smelly flower art project, and a warm and cold snack.

Yummy!

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Ms. Brenda and Ms. Sarina