

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

Date November 7-22, 2011

Discovery & Exploration of Family Traditions and Celebrations

The
CREATIVE CURRICULUM
 For Preschool with Benchmarks aligned
 with the Illinois Learning Standards

JUST A REMINDER The Early Childhood Center will be closed November 11th for Veteran's Day, 23rd Professional Development, and 24th-27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We hope you enjoy your Family Feast Menus and you and have a safe and healthy holiday.

<p style="text-align: center;">BLOCKS (Opened-ended Exploration)</p> <p>Exploring shapes in the classroom. What shape is a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Door • Window • Clock • Blocks <p>Benchmark: 9.A.EC Creative Curriculum: CC21b.4)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DRAMATIC PLAY (Creative & Imaginative Play)</p> <p>Grocery store</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What ingredients will we need to make soup? • What ingredients will you need to make a family meal? <p>Benchmark: 15.A.EC Creative Curriculum: CC30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COGNITIVE & THINKING STRATEGIES (Manipulatives, Puzzles, & Matching Games)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community workers puzzle • Children around the world floor puzzle • People at work floor puzzle <p>Benchmark: 18.A.EC Creative Curriculum: CC30</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ART (Create & Represent Ideas Visually)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feather painting • Water colored feathers <p>Benchmark: 26.A.ECd Creative Curriculum: CC33</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LIBRARY & LITERACY ENRICHMENT (Motivation and Skills Necessary to Read and Write)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Feast books • <u>Our Family Customs & Values</u> (ECC Children) • <u>It's Thanksgiving</u> • <u>A Plump and Perky Turkey</u> <p>Benchmark: 3.B.EC Creative Curriculum: CC9d.6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DISCOVERY (Math and Science)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many items did you purchase at the grocery store? • How many ingredients will need to be measured? • How will you measure the ingredients? <p>Benchmark: 7.C.EC Creative Curriculum: CC22.6</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SAND/WATER (Sensory Experiences)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who cleans the table after a meal at your house? • Who washes the dishes at your house? • Who dries the dishes at your house? <p>Benchmark: 18.B.EC Creative Curriculum: CC30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MUSIC/MOVEMENT (Brain Development)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The More We Get Together • What Are You Wearing Today • I Know I am Growing <p>Benchmark: 26.A.ECc Creative Curriculum: CC34</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COOKING (Health, Safety & Nutrition)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blueberry muffins • Corn muffins <p>Benchmark: 7.A.ECa Creative Curriculum: CC22.6</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TECHNONOGY (Tools, Machines, Materials, & Techniques)</p> <p>Technology in a grocery store</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash register • Scanner • Calculator <p>Benchmark: 11.B.ECb Creative Curriculum: CC28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OUTDOOR CLASSROOM (Enriched Curriculum and Support Development)</p> <p>Replicate favorite outdoor activities from home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At my house we ___ outdoors • My favorite outdoor activity is... <p>Benchmark: 21.B.EC Creative Curriculum: CC3a.6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FAMILY INVOLVEMENT (How can I help?)</p> <p>Check your child's folder for a family home project. This project asks how you and your family celebrate holidays and traditions. Please fill out the book and return to school. Have your child draw pictures or add photo's. We will share the books the week of November 14th.</p>