



Cove Room

November 30, 2007

Dear Cove Room Parents,

Wow...can you believe it is almost December? November was a fabulous month in the Cove Room. We spent time watching autumn change the trees. We found huge yellow maple leaves, purple leaves and eucalyptus leaves and combined them with painted paper leaves to make a giant fall colored tree in our classroom. We continued the fall leaf and tree theme by making 3-D family trees. Thank you for your participation with the family names. We made and wore squirrel outfits and talked about how squirrels bury nuts and seeds in the ground in fall to eat during the winter and, thanks to their forgetfulness, many trees are planted. We hid chestnuts in the classroom and hunted for them. One of them is still missing; maybe a tree will sprout in the floor....

We also spent time in the Cove Room bed of the garden digging out potatoes that were planted last year and the green beans which we discovered we like to eat both raw and cooked. Thanks to Jennifer O. we filled our newly cleaned out bed with organic starts of lettuces, red beets, broccoli, cauliflower and brussels sprouts. We will do our best to take good care of them for a bountiful spring harvest.

We would also like to thank Heather H. for bringing in apples from her tree and supplies to make a scrumptious pie with us. Thank you to Chris and Christie I. for the fun yarn, to Ana S. for even more yarn and dry erase markers. Thank you to Nikki M. for supplying our Cove Room fish with plants to brighten up their bowl and to Haydon's mom, Cory, for making an addition to the most coveted wooden train track. Thanks also to Jack P.'s mom, Megan, for the bean bags!

Keeping with the November/December school theme of Books and Stories, we have read various versions of Rumpelstilskin, and other favorites. We will be working on making our own storybooks since we thoroughly enjoyed making the All About Me books and the Cove Room children are simply brimming with creativity. We can not wait to write down and illustrate. We would like to thank Jim P., Nikki M. and Opa Vim for coming to read stories with us and look forward to those of you who are yet to come. There is however, a slight change in the afternoon reading time. If you have signed up to read at 1:00pm, please come 15 minutes earlier, at 12:45, to allow Lena time to set up for nap.

The RMDS Book Fair will be held in the Multi-purpose room of the Elementary Campus December 3rd-6th. Please try to check it out. Linnea and I will make a wish list if you would like to make

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purchase a book for the classroom. We will also have "Read me a Story in my Pajama's Day", Friday Dec. 7th. So come to school in your favorite jammies and we'll have a cozy day of pillows, hot chocolate and special books.

Thank you for coming to the Thanksgiving Sing. It was so nice to see you all and have lunch together. We will be doing it again Friday December 14th. We will be having a classroom potluck afterward and will be posting a sign-up soon.

Please remember to bring in a few dry food items for the Holiday Food Drive. There are barrels outside Laura's office. Also, please remember to make SURE to close the front play yard latch securely when picking up your child at 2:00pm.

We are beginning a new tradition in the Cove Room – Show and Tell Fridays! If your child would like to bring something small from home, we will share it at circle time. Items to be shared will be kept in the "sharing box" until it's time for circle.

It is a pleasure to work with you and your lovely children.

Sincerely,

Teachers Kari and Linnea

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