



Garden Room

November 30, 2007

Hello Garden Room Parents,

Can you believe that the holidays are almost here already! The month of November has been a very busy and joyful time and one of the busiest months ever for the Garden Room. We had such a great time in our Halloween festivities seeing all those beautiful and also hilarious costumes. The children had a lot of fun wearing their costumes to school and showing them to their friends.

Our Halloween parade was one to remember. We paraded around the school campus and the children really enjoyed showing off their costumes to the other classes. We also had several Halloween activities. We had SPOOKY TIME while we snacked on some chocolate covered pretzels. "Witches Hat" was read by flashlight with all the lights off, and the children really enjoyed the special effects during the story. We also celebrated the Dia de Los Muertos, also known as the Day of the Dead. We read several stories about this celebration which is very popular in Mexico and the Latin American Countries. The children had the opportunity to taste the Bread of the Dead (a special bread baked just for this day). We also made some beautiful, colorful masks for this occasion.

Barbie and Blanca would like to thank all the parents who attended our conferences. Thank you so much for taking the time to join us in our conferences - it was great sharing our information with you about your child and also learning more about each child from your point of view.

Another Big Thanks to all the parents that attended our GIVING THANKS CIRCLE. The children were very excited preparing for this event and loved seeing their parents and families there. The potluck was a nice gathering. It was wonderful to be able to have all the parents and children together in the classroom enjoying a delicious lunch!

During our week before Thanksgiving, the children were very busy preparing for the holiday and learning what "thanksgiving" is all about. We did several activities regarding this special day in our lives. We made turkey hand art projects where we traced over their hands, cut them out, and asked the children what they were thankful for.

We put their "thank you" notes inside of their hand prints. We also made turkeys for the children to decorate with feathers. We read several stories about Thanksgiving and we learned some new songs.

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We are still very busy working on our fine motor skills. We are cooking (the children's favorite activity), we are using scissors, puzzles, doing art projects and using peg boards. The children are really enjoying being outside where they can develop their gross-motor skills. They love to ride tricycles and cars and of course running, jumping and climbing. Their favorite area outside is our new climbing dome play structure. They just can't get enough of it!

Our theme for November and December is Books and Stories. We will be reading lots of stories and combining them with projects that include art or cooking activities. We just read "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs". Tina, Nicola's mommy, was so gracious to come in and cook spaghetti and meatballs with the children. The children loved the story and the yummy food. Other stories we have read are, "If You Give a Pig a Pancake" and "It Looked like Spilt Milk".

If you have a special story that your child loves, please share this story with the classroom. We would love to have guest readers come in to share their favorite stories with us.

The Teachers from the Garden room would like to wish you and your family a very joyful holiday!

Thank you,

Barbie, Blanca & Lena

THE GARDEN ROOM WOULD LIKE TO THANK:

Feli and Jennifer – for the doctor kits  
Jen B- for dress up costumes  
Tina -guest reader and cooking project  
Robert & Karen for pumpkins

Garden Room Birthdays in November:

Robby  
Finnian  
Mischa

December Birthdays:

Emily  
Nell

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