

FALLSTON CHILD CARE CENTER

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2023

NOVEMBER – the time for thankfulness and caring. At Fallston Child Care Center, we are ready to celebrate Thanksgiving! Did you know that a wild turkey can fly up to 50 mph? They also have exceptional eyesight and hearing. On a clear day, a turkey's gobble can be heard up to a mile away! Holidays are a great time for learning as well as celebrating!

SCHOOL CLOSING DAYS: If the closing of either Harford or Baltimore County Public Schools will impact your child's attendance at any time, please let us know. Lots of advance planning goes into things such as snack preparation, so advance headcounts are extremely helpful.

OPEN HOUSE/BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: We wish to thank all the parents who took the time to attend Back To School Night. What a great evening! The students worked really hard to prepare art projects and snacks for their parents and were so excited to show you their daytime world. Special thanks to staff and parents who came together to make the night a success. We have the best school family!

MASS EMAILS: If you are not receiving the mass emails from Fallston

Child Care Center, you will want to sign up today. When bad weather approaches, this is how you will be notified if they close public school, we close our school, or if we have a delayed opening. Simply go to www.fallstonchildcare.org and sign up on the home page or send a request email to valeree.imperiale@fallstonumc.org and it will be done for you. We suggest both parents and any other caregivers, such as grandparents and nannies, get on the list as well. If we close early, you want to make sure all your connections are notified. Additionally, if we ever had an emergency, for example, having to relocate to the library for a gas leak, this is how you would be notified. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON THE LIST AND THAT YOU CHECK EMAILS REGULARLY.** You would not want to show up one day and wonder where everybody went!!!

It is also important to read the material that comes home each day at afternoon pick up. Permission slips and forms come home to you in this manner.

FACEBOOK: You can follow us on Facebook @fallstonchildcare. Lots of updates are available here as well as crafts, recipes, parenting articles, community notices, and pictures of FCCC activities. Follow us today!

STAYING HEALTHY: Here comes flu season! It's that lovely time of year where the coughs and sneezes echo throughout!

At the Center, we are working very hard to stay ahead of the problem. Cots are bleached daily and scrubbed weekly. Staff members wear gloves whenever preparing or serving your child snack. Tables are disinfected after every meal. Regular disinfecting is taking place on light switches, door knobs, telephones, etc...

Here is what you can do to help:

1. Make sure all of your contact information is up to date and that there is always a way we can reach a parent. Sometimes we have the best luck with e-mail addresses. If you wish to add this to your contact information, simply send a request to

valeree.imperiale@fallstonumc.org.

2. Make a back-up plan now, in the event that your child must be picked up from school and you are in the middle of a meeting or simply too far away. Perhaps there is a neighbor or a grandparent who is usually home and would be willing to help. Remember, if your child is sick, they must be picked up within the hour.

3. Once you think your child is ill or becoming ill, please do not medicate them and send them to school! They still carry the germs and can spread them to others.

4. If you keep your child home, please call us by 9:00 so that we have an idea of our numbers for the day.

5. If your child has had a contagious illness (such as a rash or pink eye), they need a doctor's note to return to school.

6. Children who have been absent three or more days due to an

illness of any kind also need a doctor's note to return to school.

This is mandated by the Maryland State Department of Education.

7. If your child is sent home from school due to illness, they may not return the next day.

While these guidelines may seem stringent, they are quite necessary in the daycare environment. Nearly seventy little ones and sixteen staff members spend lots of time here. We all want and need to stay as healthy as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

TUITION: Please remember that tuition is due on the first day that you attend of a tuition week. Dates are listed on your newsletter calendar. We also send out a mass email reminder and post a reminder on Facebook. You can also find the due dates on the school website at www.fallstonchildcare.org. Balances may not be carried from pay period to pay period. Please be aware that late fees will be applied.

FALLSTON CHILD CARE CENTER WEAR ORDERS:

Our collection of t-shirts, sweatshirts, and tote bags have arrived! If you placed an order, you will be receiving it this week. Thank you for supporting our school!

CHANGE OF CLOTHES:

November is here, and the temperatures are dropping! Please take a minute to change the clothes in your child's cubby to long sleeves and long pants. As always, please leave us a fresh set of socks and underwear as well. Also,

please make sure your child has a coat or jacket daily, as we always try to get outside! Label everything!

COOPERATIVE THANKSGIVING

LUNCHEON: On Tuesday, November 21st, all children who normally eat lunch with us on that day, will participate in our annual Cooperative Luncheon. Each class will cook one item on the menu, and we will come together and share a delicious meal. This is an excellent exercise in cooperation and team building, as we learn about the pilgrims and Native Americans. There is no cost for this activity. This one is on us!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

Fallston Child Care will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday as follows:

Thursday, November 23rd
Friday, November 24th

For those of you planning ahead (you are our favorite people), our holiday closings are as follows:

Monday, December 25th
Tuesday, December 26th
Monday, January 1st

SCHOOL PICTURES FROM IRVIN SIMON:

All preschoolers who were present on Wednesday, September 27th had both individual and class pictures taken. Those picture galleries are now live on the Irvin Simon website. You were emailed a link to access your child's pictures. You were also given a proof card at your child's

cubby last week with your personal code for ordering. Either way, please order your pictures now. Shipping will be free for a limited time. These pictures will be mailed directly to your house.

We hope you are pleased with how they turned out. We think we saw some really great smiles! Did you know we have saved every single class picture for almost 30 years? We love to look back on them!

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Irvin Simon directly.

FROM YOUR DAYCARE BOARD:

Dear Parents,

I'm sure your children enjoyed trick-or-treating with you and their friends. I always enjoy seeing the various costumes the children are wearing.

I'm getting ready now to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with my family. I enjoy preparing the dinner with my daughter, and having all the chaos around me. While we are cooking, we have the t.v. on enjoying the Macy's Day Parade. After dinner, everyone enjoys relaxing while we watch all the football games. Thanksgiving is always a day filled with memories and love.

I am always thankful for your support and trust in our daycare. Enjoy Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

*Embrace and Enjoy all the Memories,
Marina Lattanzi*

FROM THE TEACHERS:

MISS SARA'S TWO YEAR

OLD CLASS: We had so much fun this past month! In October we learned letters C, D, E, and F. We also learned the colors orange and black, and the shape triangle. We explored fire trucks, cooked lots of fun snacks, and enjoyed our Halloween celebration activities!

I can't believe its November already! In November, we will be introducing letters H, I, and J. We will also take a week to learn and celebrate Thanksgiving and to talk about being grateful. We will introduce the color brown, and the shape square. As part of Frog Street curriculum, we will be learning about farm animals this month.

We have been making great progress with spelling and recognizing our first names. Please continue to work on this skill with your child at home.

Happy Thanksgiving!

MISS ROSIE'S THREE-

YEAR-OLD CLASS: I can't believe it is November already! We have been busy in October with Fall, Fire Safety, weather, and dinosaurs, in addition to our Frog Street Curriculum themes. We have also practiced walking in a line, speaking kindly, taking turns, and using table manners.

As we welcome November, we will meet letters H, I and J. We will explore Native American culture, read some Tall Tales, and count our blessings, as we learn about the first Thanksgiving. We will organize items for counting and identify and extend simple patterns. We will discover how animals prepare for winter, including migration and hibernation. We will continue to practice our pencil grip, cutting skills, and name writing. Frog Street activities will involve

story retelling, rhyming, classification by multiple attributes, and an introduction to simple machines.

Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving!

MISS BEKAH'S THREE-

YEAR-OLD CLASS: November is here! We have been enjoying this nice weather, watching the leaves change colors, and creating some fall art projects. We delight in taking walks around the school when we are unable to play on the playground.

Just as a reminder, please bring in a jacket or a heavy sweater for your child since we will go out even though it is cooler. Also, please label everything!

This month we will be focusing on letters H, I and J. We will continue with our cutting skills and writing our names.

And, of course, we will be discussing Thanksgiving.

Our Frog Street curriculum themes will find us revisiting color, shape, and size. We will be working on sorting by multiple attributes. We will also engage in a STEM activity this month with simple machines.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

MISS DIANE'S FOUR-YEAR

OLD-CLASS: November already? Time sure does fly by! October was a busy month filled with pumpkins, scarecrows, and fire safety.

November is sure to be a busy month also. Themes for this month will be Harvest and Thanksgiving. For our Frog Street curriculum, we will start "Safe, Healthy, and Helpful Me". We will continue to practice writing our names in upper and lowercase letters, as well as the letters of the alphabet. Our letter this month will be H, I, and J. We have

been practicing the sounds of each letter also. Please continue to reinforce these skills at home.

Happy Thanksgiving!

MISS MAURA'S FOUR-YEAR-OLD CLASS:

It really feels like Fall now. I am loving the crisp, cool air. What is your favorite thing about this season? We will be learning about all the different things that happen during this time of year. We will discover which animals migrate and which ones hibernate. We will study leaves and trees to see how they prepare for the cold winter months. We will take a look back in time and see how life used to be in early America and how they spent their Fall. Thanksgiving is a good time to think about all the good things we have in our lives and be happy for them.

Our letters for the month are H, I, and J.

We are still working on writing our names. We will continue to work on our handwriting. A few of us are still working on using the correct pencil grip.

Now is the time to send in a complete new set of cool weather change of clothes (shirt, pants, underwear and socks). I don't think anyone will be completely comfortable going outside in shorts and a t-shirt if they need to change because of a milk spill. Please make sure the new outfit is not only weather appropriate, but it is also size appropriate. When you send in a new outfit, I will send home the old one.

Please take some time to talk about the good things in your life with your child. They need to hear and see how wonderful life can be and how to look for the bright side. Make this year's Thanksgiving an even more special time

than it usually is. Enjoy!!

MR. CHRIS'S AND MISS KAYLA'S SCHOOL AGE GROUP:

Last month we made several Halloween projects, had a very spooky snack, and played a group Halloween game! We have really enjoyed the outdoors as much as we can before Daylight Savings Time begins.

In November, we will continue working on sportsmanship among our peers while having fun at the same time! We will also be working on cooperative art projects to focus on teamwork.

The following dates are early dismissal public school days in November. We will be receiving our students off the bus at 12:50 on these days.

- Friday, November 10th
- Wednesday, November 22nd

The following is a public school closing day. We will be available for our students all day.

- Friday, November 3rd

And, of course, Fallston Child Care Center is closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th for Thanksgiving.

We will be talking about what we are "thankful for" and showing gratitude for what we do have, as we talk about the very First Thanksgiving.

Happy Birthday to Jackson on the 15th!

We also wish to welcome new students, Cece and Josh Friskey! We are glad you are here.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

“NOTES” FROM MISS JACKIE’S MUSIC CLASS:

November music! We have now discussed **vibration** - how sounds are made, and **rhythm** – the feel of the music, the steady beat. Each month we will investigate a new musical concept, sing some of our favorite songs and just have fun with music!

Last month we learned about **rhythm and tempo**...the feeling and speed of the music. Counting to 4 – 1, 2, 3, 4, is a very big concept! Now, clap the rhythm. You can clap the tempo/rhythm fast, like a rabbit or slowly like a turtle. Counting and clapping to music helps brain development and opens the mind to math and science. Imagine what singing “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” could accomplish!

During November we will review our fundamentals and sing some great fall songs.

Music is a beautiful language. Enjoy a song with your child, have a sing-a-long and/or clap-a-long in your car! Feel the beat and always keep a song in your heart.

MISS VAL’S SPANISH

CLASS: We are having so much fun learning about the Spanish language and culture. So far, we have learned about different foods, music, and clothing. We have also learned some vocabulary and body parts. We play lots of games like Limbo and Spanish Four Corners.

There are so many ways to learn! You will find a brief note from me at your child’s cubby each time we have a lesson so that you will know what they have been up to, and you can discuss it with them at home.

I am passionate about bringing

foreign language to preschool. The younger they learn it, the better! They absorb like sponges while the language center of the brain is still forming. The children are so excited to come to Spanish class. But my favorite is when they pass by my office and speak to me in Spanish. Not only are they learning the words, but also using them appropriately.

Consider using Spanish items at home with them. Watch a DVD in the Spanish mode or try a children’s Spanish website. The more that it integrates into their world, the less it will seem foreign!

Happy Thanksgiving from our Fallston Child Care family, to yours!



