



Small Wonders Learning Center November Newsletter 2017



From the Office:

As we start a new month, we get to enjoy cooler fall weather as well. Please remember to send your child in appropriate clothing for outdoor play. We will continue to go outside, weather permitting, for some fun and fresh air. All of our friends should have a warm coat, a hat, and mittens, if needed. Once the snow starts to fall, your child should also have a pair of boots and snow pants available. **EVERYTHING MUST BE LABELED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.** If you do not want to write directly on the items, please use a piece of duct tape. In addition, with the weather changing so quickly, please check your child's bin and change out his or her extra clothing items.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Conferences will be held on **Tuesday, November 7th** and **Thursday, November 9th** from **5:30 - 7:30pm.**

Scholastic Book Fair: Get your Christmas Shopping lists out because the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Small Wonders!! Our Book Fair will begin **Monday, November 6th** and go through **Friday, November 10th**. It will be open during Parent/Teacher Conferences so come early and do a little pre-Holiday Shopping. Give the Gift of Reading to those you love.

New Food Program: This new program has gone quite smoothly. We appreciate everyone working together to make it work. The children really enjoy bringing in their own snack and lunches. As a reminder, SWLC will supply all utensils as well as milk and water during snacks and lunch.

Thanksgiving Feast: We will once again be having our annual "Thanksgiving Feast" on Tuesday, November 21st. This fun event includes all of our friends with the exception of our infants. Each of our classes will take part in making a portion of our Feast. We will then gather in our classrooms to enjoy our meal and to share with each other what we are thankful for. ****Please note: Families will not need to provide a lunch on November 21st unless their child has specific dietary needs.**

November Closings: We will be closed **Thursday November 23rd** and **Friday, November 24th** for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

School Age Days Off: The signup sheet for **No School/Early Release Days** will always be on the table next to their mailboxes **two weeks prior** to the scheduled days off. Parents **must** sign sheets indicating whether or not your child will need care on these special days. Late signups will only be allowed if room is available. In addition, families will be charged according to the times they sign up for, even if they cancel last minute. If your child will not be attending on Early Release Days, please fill out a Yellow Schedule Change form to use personal days, if desired.

School Age Upcoming Days Off: The School District of Milton will have **No School** on **Monday, November 6th**, **Wednesday, November 22nd** and **Monday, December 4th**. Please indicate your care needs on the signup sheets which are located next to the school age mailboxes. All families must sign the sheets with their care needs.

MPK Days Off: Families with MPK children must fill out a **Yellow Schedule Change** form requesting a schedule change on no school days if their child's hours will be different. (i.e. he or she will need extra care or won't be here at all).

Holiday Sing: Our Milkyways and Shooting Stars friends will be hosting Holiday Sings in December. We will have two morning programs on **Monday, December 11th**, with the Milkyways at 9:30 and the Shooting Stars at 10:00 am. Watch for more details to follow.

Upcoming Holiday Closings: We will be closed **Monday, December 25th**, **Tuesday, December 26th**, and **Monday, January 1st** in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Wishing All of Our Families a Happy Thanksgiving!
Miss Beth, Miss Terri and Miss Julia

From the Sunshine Room:

Fall is an exciting time of the year. Our seasons are changing quickly and the beautiful colors are so lovely. We have enjoyed the warm weather in October and now as November arrives, we are preparing for the colder temps. During our walks, our babies like watching the leaves fall, and hearing them crunch under our feet. We will continue with our walks as long as the weather permits. It is chilly in the mornings, so please make sure to bring in warm coats, mittens and hats.

Our themes for this month are *Goodnight, Friendship, Leaves, Thanksgiving and Artic Animals*. During November we will continue to focus on building our core muscles to help with our crawling and pulling up as well as strengthening our arm muscles through tummy time play. As part of our learning, we will be exploring our families and how important they are. We will be making a friendship chain and taking pictures together to go on our bulletin board.

Please remember to bring in additional outfits for our messy (but fun ☺) and creative art projects! On a final note, don't forget to check your child's diapers, wipes, creams and/or medications daily and replaced them as needed. Happy November Birthday wishes go to Miss Nikki!

We are thankful for the time we spend with your children each and every day!

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving!
Miss Nikki, Miss Marta and Miss Allie



From the Rainbow Room:

We have had such amazing fall weather, let's hope it continues into November. As the cooler weather begins to settle in, remember to bring in coats, gloves, hats and label everything! Our friends will be busy this month as we explore our learning units of *Colors, Shapes, Thanksgiving and Music*.

We have a lot of things we are working on this month! As part of our fine motor skills and our eye-hand coordination, we will be focusing on drinking from a cup and using a spoon to eat. It may get messy during snack and lunch times but we don't care...its all part of our learning fun! ☺ As our toddlers continue to grow and explore, we will also be focusing on our large motor development as we practice walking by ourselves! Look at how big we're getting!

One final learning area we will concentrate on will be our communication skills as we introduce our friends to their emotions as they occur...for example, "You are happy when we read this book." We will then practice using our words when we are happy, excited, sad, or mad.

As part of our Thanksgiving Feast, we will be making pumpkin bars with our toddlers as they help pour and mix the ingredients! Our sensory fun will also include sticky play as we explore Jell-o in our sensory bin!

We look forward to seeing you for **Parent/Teacher Conferences** on November 7th and 9th. We love meeting with our parents and sharing stories about their children. Please come check out our room and see what your child has been learning!

Happy birthday wishes go to our friend, Ryan and Miss Taylor B.! We hope you have super day!

Happy Thanksgiving
Miss Barb L., Miss Barb S., and Miss Taylor B.



From the Moonbeam Room:

Autumn is such a wonderful time of year; especially when the weather is so nice and we can get outside and enjoy all the beautiful changes happening around us! Please be sure to send in warmer outdoor gear (hats, coats, and gloves) every day as we will continue to go outside as the weather permits. Please make sure to label all your child's belongings. Also remember to send in "winter weather" gear (boots and snowsuits) as soon as the flakes start to fall as we will go out and have snow-time fun!

As we begin a new month, we have several new learning areas to explore including Sharing and Caring, Turkeys, Thanksgiving and Family and Friends. We are going to be sharing and helping friends and teachers work together to make a Green Bean Bake for the *Thanksgiving Feast!* We will also be working on our fine motor skills with squeezing glue bottles and holding/using glue sticks.

Our sensory play will be tons of fun as we explore cooked spaghetti noodles, feathers and crunchy leaves that we collected on our walks.

As the month comes to an end, we will start focusing on our Christmas presents! Happy Birthday wishes go to Penelope and Miss Lynn!

Giving Thanks!
Miss Lynn and Miss Heather



From the Milkyway Room:

It is that time of year...time to remember what we all are thankful for! Our themes this month will include Weather Changes and how we prepare, dress and stay safe during each type of weather. Next we will focus on Hibernating and what it is all about. Wonderful Fall Animals will be our third theme in November. We will then gobble and wobble our way towards our Thanksgiving theme and all we are thankful for! As the month comes to an end we will then "bundle up" and prepare for Winter...brrrr! We will focus on all of the fun we can have when the snow falls and the temperatures drop!

This month we will be working on our coordination skills with balancing, skipping and dancing. We also have several fun projects for each theme. We will see how rain collects in rain clouds with a fun art project and how bears hibernate in caves with making our own caves! We have different fun fall projects from leaves to animals that are around in the fall and make owl masks. We will be making different turkey projects during Thanksgiving week and then we will ending the month will super cool snowflake and winter art projects.

Reminder, Parent Teacher conferences are this month on **Tuesday, November 7th** and **Thursday, November 9th** from **5:30 - 7:30pm**. If you haven't signed up, please let me know. I look forward to seeing everyone.

Happy Thanksgiving and Hope Everyone Eats LOTS of Turkey!
Miss Jamie



From the Shooting Stars:

As the leaves continue to fall from the trees, we are looking forward to another great month in the Shooting Stars. Our learning units include Friendship, Being Thankful, Thanksgiving, and Trim a Tree. November is a wonderful month as we celebrate all things "Fall" including our warmer clothes! As part of our development we will be concentrating on zipping and unzipping our own coats and jackets as well as putting on and taking off our boots, snow pants, gloves and hats independently.

The first week of November will be Friendship! We are focusing on our social competences as we paint with a friend, create friendship bracelets and learn all about each other. Next we will do our Being Thankful unit as we learn through creativity and imagination while painting with feathers, creating thankful turkeys and painting with Indian corn. Next, we move on to our Thanksgiving unit as we learn through sensory organization as we make fun turkeys and explore with feathers. And lastly, is the Trim a Tree unit as we use motor development to create fun trees with sequins, bows, play dough and much more!

Happy November birthday wishes go out to our friends Ainsely and Mason. We hope you have an amazing day. Happy Thanksgiving to all! Hope this month s filled with family and friends!

Gobble Gobble
Miss Melody



From the Comets:

As November starts, we look forward to discussing what our friends are thankful for as the Thanksgiving holiday approaches. We would like to remind all of our school age families that parents must check in with a teacher prior to picking up from or leaving your child at Small Wonders or Milton East and West. Safety comes first and we need to know when someone arrives or leaves. We understand that it may be easier to wave your child over to the door, but we ask that you do come in and make contact with the teachers. If we are busy with another child, please get our attention. If you have any questions or concerns, please let Miss Beth, Miss Terri or Miss Julia in the office know.

The School District of Milton will have **No School on Monday, November 6th and Wednesday, November 22nd**. Please bring in a morning and afternoon snack along with a lunch if your child is attending our main location. All lunch boxes and containers need to be labeled. Drinks, plates, bowls and utensils will be provided by Small Wonders.

Reminder, the center is closed Thursday, November 23rd and Friday the 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday. We would like to wish Reese, Angelina, Kael, Graeme, Aiden, Emily, Parker, and Kaydence a very happy and warm Birthday! May your day be filled with love and fun!

Main:

Our themes this month are Family, Veterans Day, Books, Thanksgiving, and Friendship! Please continue to send our family involvement pages! We have been thrilled with all the families turning them in! Check our our "Book of Families" that is next to the mailboxes!

East and West:

In honor of National King Tut day we will have an Egyptian unit filled with art jewelry, mummies and pyramid building. We will also be honoring our veterans in November and thanking them for their service. Our final unit will be getting to know each other better with Thanksgiving activities and some fun outdoor winter games for our Winter theme.



Gobble, Gobble!
School-age Teachers