



Our Redeemer Child Care Center Toddler Room - Group 2 November 2014

Class Notes

- **Miss Sue** will be here on November 6th and 26th.
- **Pizza Days:** November 6th, 14th and 20th. Remember that pizza \$ is due by Wednesday each week as pizza must be ordered in advance - and a healthy snack too!
- **Veteran's Day**, November 11th.
- We will be closed Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th. **Happy Thanksgiving!**
- It's getting **COLD** out! We go outside daily (weather permitting), so please make sure your child has a warm jacket at school (and mittens and hat as needed). Thank you!
- **Weather emergencies.** ORCCC will close if there is a state of emergency declared in MA. Our center's voicemail message and facebook page will keep you informed of any closings.



Last month we collected leaves on a nature walk - then used them for a collage!

November Themes

- November 3 - 7: Harvest
- November 10 - 14: Family Literacy Month - Celebrating with our favorite books
- November 17 - 21: I am Thankful...
- November 24 - 26: Happy Thanksgiving!

Looking for some extra help in the kitchen this holiday season? Ask your toddler!

Spending time together in the kitchen can be a great bonding experience, build your child's confidence AND get them excited about eating. Here are some things your toddler can do:

- help put away groceries
- sweep the floor
- tear up lettuce for salads
- dry dishes
- crush cracker boxes for recycling (or pretend with them)
- take (safe) items out of the dishwasher
- help to measure, pour and stir ingredients
- pretend with their own kitchen tools (at school we LOVE putting wooden blocks into muffin tins and pretending we are baking!)
- create decorations and place cards for the table

HAVE FUN!!!

November is Family Literacy Month!

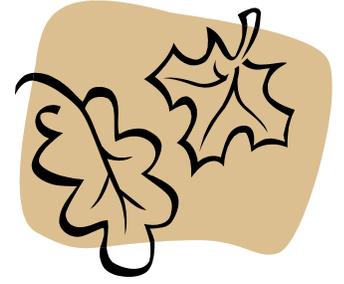
Toddlers reap great benefits from being read to.

They learn to:

1. receive one-on-one attention
2. enjoy the language and stories in books
3. listen to and understand simple stories
4. understand the meaning of new words and phrases
5. repeat some of the language from books as you read
6. ask and respond to simple questions about books
7. turn the pages of a book
8. choose which book to read

(From *Scholastic: A Parent's Guide to Reading with Your Young Child*. Neuman & Wright)

November Songs and Fingerplays



"Cornucopia" (tune: Clementine)

There's a (pumpkin), there's a (pumpkin), in the cornucopia.

There's a (pumpkin), there's a (pumpkin), in the cornucopia.

(Continue the song with the names of other items that are in a cornucopia)

"Sneeze Song" (tune: Up on the Housetop)

Sneeze in your elbow, won't you please,

So you don't get germs on me.

Sneeze in your elbow, quick, quick, quick,

So nobody else gets sick!

"Turkey Poem"

The turkey is a funny bird, his head goes wobble, wobble.

And, he knows just one word - gobble, gobble, gobble!

"Thank You, Jesus" (tune: London Bridge)

Thank you, Jesus, for my friends,

For my friends, for my friends,

Thank you, Jesus, for my friends.

Thank you, Jesus!

(Ask children what other things they are thankful for and continue with different verses.)

"Thank You"

Thank you for the sky so bright.

Thank you for the moon at night.

Thank you for my family.

Thanks for friends who play with me.

Thanks for everything I see.

I am thankful, yes sirree!

"Finger Family"

Finger family up, (Wiggle fingers up)

Finger family down, (Wiggle fingers down)

Finger family dancing all around the town. (Wiggle fingers all around)

Dance them on your shoulders. (Wiggle fingers on shoulders)

Dance them on your head. (Wiggle fingers on head)

Dance them on your knees, (Wiggle fingers on knees)

And tuck them into bed. (Fold hands and put beside face)

Happy Thanksgiving!
Amanda & Amanda