



November 2017

Saint Dominic Child Care Newsletter

Announcements:

- Please check that your child has appropriate extra clothes for the change of season.
- Picture Day is November 21st 8am-12pm
- Nov. 23rd and 24th we are CLOSED for Thanksgiving
- Please remember to drive slowly in the church parking

What we have done in October:

Our Infant 1 children explored textures and stimulated their senses by exploring a sensory bag filled with pumpkin guts and seeds. We talked about what they were seeing and touching. We incorporated many textures into their play and put out a Halloween themed sensory bin for them to discover.

Our Infant 2 children created pumpkins as we introduced them to fall. They used their fine motor skills to manipulate the orange paint. They also developed self-awareness as we painted their feet to make foot print firetrucks during fire prevention week. We also pointed out the color red and counted the 4 wheels.

Our Toddler 1 children learned about autumn leaves. We gathered them outside to explore the texture and different colors. The children loved our sensory activity of reaching inside a pumpkin to discover what it feels like. Some children were brave enough to pull a handful of slimy seeds out!

Our Toddler 2 children discussed the change in temperature as fall approached us. We talked about how all the leaves will be turning different colors and eventually fall off, leaving the trees bare and ready for winter! This helped the children discover cause and effect skills within nature.

Our Toddler 3 children worked on building their language skills and expressing their needs and wants. They introduced sign language during circle time such as please, thank you, and help.

Our Three's applied scientific skills by investigating pumpkins. They also participated in Halloween activities such as a spooky sensory table, a monster mash dance party enhancing their gross motor skills and a dress up parade to expand their imagination.

Our Four's learned about fire prevention, transportation, and community helpers. We had some of our local firemen come to speak to the children about fire safety and demonstrate "Stop, Drop and roll". The children also worked on their fine motor skills such as pinching, pencil grip, and cutting.

Taking a look at November:

Our Infant 1 children will be discussing what to be thankful for. We will include various activities on family, friends, and even community helpers. The children will all work together as a team to create a turkey as we approach Thanksgiving. We will point out the different body parts of a turkey and their soft feathers.

Our Infant 2 children will stimulate their senses as they explore a sensory bin filled with different textures. We will discuss the way each item feels and identify different characteristics of each item inside the bin. We will also discuss what we are thankful for as we create footprint turkey's.

Our Toddler 1 children will be learning about animals that hibernate. We will invite the children to wear their PJ's as we pretend to hibernate in the classroom. We will enhance the children's language as we explore different foods we see and eat at a Thanksgiving feast. The children will explore different instruments and musical rhythms as a group.

Our Toddler 2 children will really focus on all of our shapes making sure that the children not only know the names of all of them but also how many sides each of them have! We will wrap up the last few weeks of November with Thanksgiving and family themed fun. We will go over exactly what Thanksgiving celebrates and discuss all the things that we are thankful for.

Our Toddler 3 will be working on expanding their attention span as well as continuing to express themselves. We will also be working on problem solving skills and guiding them to resolutions by providing them with the language they need.

Our Three's will engage in projects about friendships and things they are thankful for. The children will develop their social emotional skills as we build relationships. We will also include a morning drop off routine into the schedule.

Our Four's will be learning about pumpkins, our family trees, and Thanksgiving. We will create a classroom apple tree to practice the difference between parts and a whole.



A Note from the Director:

Welcome back our monthly newsletters! We have officially reached completion with our center wide expansions! We are also beyond excited to start a new school season in addition to celebrating our one-year anniversary. Thank you to everyone who has shown us support over the last year and for choosing Saint Dominic Child Care for your child's education. Please note I will be out of the office November 28th -December 6th ~Michelle