



**DATES TO REMEMBER;**

**Monday, Nov.11<sup>th</sup>-**

School closed in observance of Veteran's Day.

**Thursday, Nov.7<sup>th</sup>**

Parent Conference Day. Sign up is on-line, please send in your completed conference forms before the day of your conference.

**Wednesday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>-**

11:30 dismissal for Thanksgiving weekend.

**Thank You To:**

-Anthony's family, Landyn's family, Millie's family and Jason's family for the delicious birthday treats.

-Landyn's mom, Anthony's mom and Millie's mom for coming in to read to the class.

*Now that the weather is getting colder, please check your child's extra clothes.*

**CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS**

The pumpkin patch day was a great success! Everyone enjoyed a fun filled day, while participating in activities set up by each classroom. Every child picked a pumpkin from our pumpkin patch to bring home and there were some left to decorate our entrance way and to bring into our classrooms. Special thanks go out to the parents who volunteered to help with the many seasonal activities.

As an extension of this fun day, we have created a farm stand in the dramatic play area, where children will be able to buy and sell pumpkins, apples and other fruits and veggies. We also carved jack-o-lanterns, roasted pumpkin seeds and rolled and shaped playdough into a variety of pumpkin treats.

**ACTIVITIES & SKILLS**

The Armadillo class has been exploring the wonders of fall in New England. While looking through binoculars from our science table, the children are noticing the changing colors of the leaves outside our window and the activity of animals preparing for winter. The stories read during circle time have been the impetus for many discussions about the changes that fall brings, including cooler weather, beautiful colors and falling acorns that the squirrels gather for winter. We have made apple trees using ripped paper and glue, created a mural based on a story about a family of mice preparing for winter and dyed rice to reflect the colors we see outside, to be used in the sensory table.

**FAVORITE STORIES and SONGS**

- Apples and Pumpkins by Ann Rockwell
- Frederick by Leo Lionni
- Why Do Leaves Change Color? by Betsy Maestro
- Ninita's Big World, The True Story of a Deaf Pygmy Marmoset by Sarah Glenn Marsh

Grey Squirrel  
5 Little Pumpkins