



Stepping Stones Newsletter

(Where You'll Find the Good Details)

So far we have been very lucky with our fall weather. But winter is coming. We had a taste of it this week with the stormy weather and power outages. Unfortunately it will soon be upon us. Brrrrrr! Are you ready for it?

Please keep this in mind when dressing your children for school. We all need warm jackets, hats and mittens for the playground.

When choosing gloves or mittens, please remember **mittens are warmer**. For safety reasons on the playground, gloves or mittens should have a **nonskid palm**.

All children need to be able to dress and undress themselves with out help by winter (yes that does include snowpants!). Please practice at home.

If your child can not put on his or her coat in the conventional way, show them how to lay it on the floor (inside of coat should be facing up) in front of them with the collar or hood at their feet. Have them bend over to put both their arms in the sleeves. Lift and flip the coat over their head. Voila! Their coat is on! We call this 1, 2, flip-a-roo.

In the Classroom

November will be an aromatic month! We'll be cooking and baking in all classes.

Cooking with young children is a great opportunity to concretely explore and discuss concepts:

Math: counting, measuring, **Science:** cause and effect, use of ingredients, properties and change, nutrition

Social studies: traditions associated with harvest celebrations, family

Language: use of a recipe, vocabulary and descriptive language using adjectives and adverbs, following directions

Social skills: turn taking, working as a group

The Three's Class

Our threes will begin the month by making special invitations to invite you to our Harvest Gathering: scheduled for Monday, November 20th at 11:00 am. We would like to welcome families of our three's class to join us for homemade apple crisp. Your children had such a wonderful time making you applesauce last month, we know they will be very excited to make you apple crisp. Mrs. Virga will join your children to sing a few of their favorite songs

for you.

The Four's Class

Hand stenciled invitations for the Pumpkin Pie Festival scheduled for Tuesday, November 21st at 10:30 am will go home by next the week. Families are invited to join us for delicious pie (made from our Halloween pumpkins) and ice cream. They will also be doing a simple musical skit for you after the pie.

We will be hosting our first afternoon Class for the Fours this month on Tuesday November 14th. We are very excited to be partnering with Let's play Music to do a few different art, music and movement workshops during the year. Each time their role will be to introduce a different family of instruments to the children. In November we will be using different drums as our media. Kristen and Karen will tie this in with our study of New Hampshire Native Americans, our trip to Beaver Brook, Native American stories, music and dancing. It is going to be very fun. **Registration for this class is due by Tuesday so do not miss out!**

Look for a couple more classes in December: one with Let's Play Music and one with

A story teller/musician. As long as there continues to be an interest we will continue to plan two or more a month. We look forward to your feedback.

THANK YOU EVERYONE

Thank you all so very much for all your help at the Family Fun Day. We did it! Each and everyone of you made an important contribution towards our success. Whether you acquired things for our raffles, baked for the bake sale, helped with set up or clean up, were on the planning committee, worked that day, or brought your family and friends to celebrate with us; we could not have done it without you.

A very special thank you goes out to my teachers for volunteering and working so many extra hours and for all the hard work they did to help make it a very fun day for everyone. I am so blessed to have such an incredible staff. So often I am at meetings with directors of other centers and I hear of their daily struggles with staffing and each time I stop and give thanks for mine. They are a pleasure to work with and give 100% every day.

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Cooler Weather
- ☺ In The Classroom
- ☺ Thank you Everyone
- ☺ Parent Conferences
- ☺ Parking
- ☺ Book Orders
- ☺ Room Mothers
- ☺ Label Clothing

Important Dates:

- **Tuesday November 7**
Fours Field Trip
Beaver Brook Association
- **Thursday 11/9**
Parent Conferences
- **Friday 11/10**
No School- Veteran's Day
- **Tuesday November 14**
Fours Painting, Danc-
ing, & Drumming
Workshop
- **Harvest Celebrations**
3's 11/20 11:00 am
4's 11/21 10:30 am
- **Thanksgiving Recess**
Nov. 22-24

Parent Conferences

Conference Topic:

Your child's adjustment and progress to the new year of school. Bring your questions.

Please call to schedule an appointment. We will do our best to accommodate your particular needs.

When: Thursday November 9

Threes: 8:30-12:00

Fours 9:00-3:00 & 6:00-8:00

Parking

Our holiday celebrations will be here before you know it and we would like to remind you that we need everyone to park in the driveway for special events. We will do our best to begin and end our events on time so that no one will be trapped in the driveway.

If you need to be out first then please be sure to arrive first and park at the top of the driveway.

Please do not block or turn around in the street or in any of our neighbors' driveways.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Book Orders

We would like to thank all of you who are ordering books on line. It is so helpful and actually expedites the whole process. It makes the payment process especially easy for everyone involved. Once again our on line code for Stepping Stones School is:

DWCVV

If your order is a gift for your child please write us a note so that we can get it to you without your child seeing it.

**An extra special thank
you to all of our room
parents for your help last
month with Family Fun
Day
and the
Halloween Parties!
You Are The Best! We can
not do it
without you!**

**Label! Label! Label! We are still confusing your
children' clothing with others and developing a "Lost and
Found" of sweaters and sweatshirts! Please help us by
Labeling your children's clothing!**

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