

IT'S A GOOD DAY IN PRE-K MEMO

November 2023 🦃

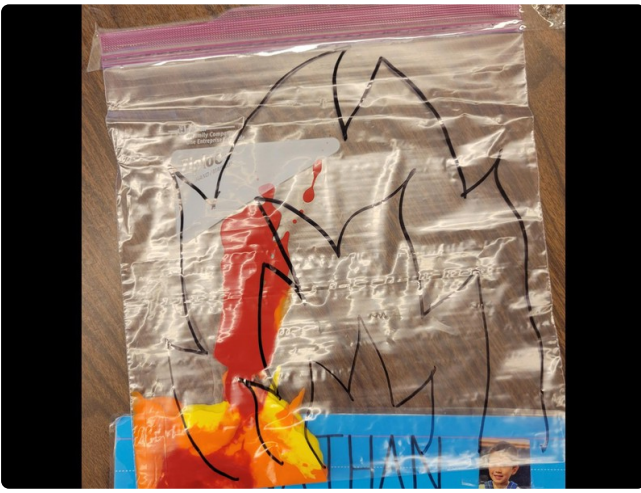


It's November which means it is officially the holiday season. November is busy with parent conferences, and celebrations, including Thanksgiving. Communicating gratitude is always important, but especially at Thanksgiving. For our preschoolers gratitude is something that is taught through teachable moments and experiences. We have to get those little but powerful growing brain motors moving! We need to get them thinking more deeply about what they have, so they can be thankful and glad for it. For

example, screen time is a privilege and that they aren't actually entitled to an ice cream just because Mr. Ding-A-Ling comes bouncing down the street. This is something I continually need to teach my daughters over the summer every time in the distant horizon we start to hear "hello" followed by that cringey, tune. It's ok to say no! Regardless, I am very grateful to be able to work with our Pre-K program, your students, and all of you!

Wishing you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

F is for...



Fire

Students in Mrs. Stauder's Pre-K started this day with a sensory activity at their table. Each student had a ziplock bag with the outline of a fire on it. Inside was yellow, red, and orange paint. The students pushed the paint with their hands and the colors filled in the flames. There is another word that starts with F that described this activity...Fun!



Fire Safety

All of our Pre-K sites learned about fire safety in October. Here is a picture of students in Mrs. MacGiffert's class in Cairo Durham learning about how to be safe in the kitchen

F is for Field Trips!



Field Trip to Kristy's barn
Hay ride and pumpkin picking = big smiles!



Field Trip to Kristy's Barn
Many of our students in East Greenbush had field trips in October. One location was Kristy's Barn. Here the students pet chickens, went on a hayride, picked pumpkins, and got cider and a donut. I too attended and not just for multiple donuts.



Learning about chickens
The owners of Kristy's Barn brought two chickens out for the kids to see and pet.

S is for S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, arts and math)



Coconut Trees



Spiders

Students at Green Meadow using their fine motor skills to pick up spiders using tongs to place on a web. These are great activities to get those smaller muscles in our hands and wrists strong!

Students in Mrs. Leganczuk's classroom in Genet put their S.T.E.A.M skills to the test by building coconut trees after reading "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom."

S is for Sphero Indi



Color Coding

Students in Ichabod Crane are problem solving to see which color codes get Spehro Indi to make it to Mrs. Cross!



Spehro Indi

Mrs. Carbone from Model Schools explaining how Spehro Indi works! The students were beyond excited to see Indi wake up and move. Students will have another visit from Indi soon expanding their critical thinking and problem solving skills.

S is for Sharing!



Students from Questar's John E. Sackett Ed Center came and visited our Pre-K students at Green Meadow with some spooky treats! Sharing is caring, thank you Sackett students!

Soon teachers will be reaching out to set up parent-teacher conferences. These are great meetings which provide you opportunities discuss your child's social, cognitive and language development. It's also a great time to see what they see, their classroom! Every time I visit a Pre-K classroom it looks different. There is new art work, and exciting things that our teachers put on display.



Important Dates

Veteran's Day- Friday November 10th/ Classes not in session

Thanksgiving Recess- November 22nd-24th/ Classes not in session

Parent/Teacher conferences- These depend on your child's school. Teachers will reach out with dates.



Kids Out and About Albany

Looking for something to do this weekend? Take a look at Kids out and About for activities in the month of November.

<https://albany.kidsoutandabout.com/content/free-places-take-kids-and-around-albany-and-capital-district>

Turkey Trouble!

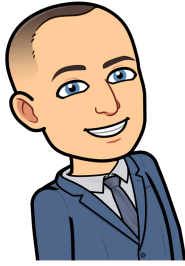


'Turkey Trouble' read by Marc Maron

Turkey is in trouble. Bad trouble. The kind of trouble where it's almost Thanksgiving...and you're the main course. But Turkey has an idea-what if he doesn't look like a turkey? What if he looks like another animal instead? After many hilarious attempts, Turkey comes up with the perfect disguise to make this Thanksgiving the best ever!

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