

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Thursday Nov. 20th- Primary Community to have annual Harvest Feast
- Friday Nov. 21st- Primary Community trip to Constitution Village
- Tuesday November 25th- School Walk for Diabetes and Mini March for Cystic Fibrosis
- Thursday Nov. 27th & 28th-No School



- Tuesday Dec. 16th- Winter Festival- "Walking In A Winter Wonderland" 6:30PM-8:30PM
- Friday Dec. 19th School closes at NOON
- Monday Dec. 22nd- Friday Jan. 2nd -NO School



Friday News

NOVEMBER 14, 2008



Behaving at School

When kids behave well at school, they have more opportunities for learning. They also show respect for their teachers and classmates by following the rules. Encourage good behavior at school with these suggestions.

Communication

Talk to your youngster's teacher. Ask if there are rules your child struggles with (working quietly, keeping hands to herself). Together, come up with ideas for improvement. Then, mark your calendar to follow up with the teacher by phone or e-mail. Note: Fall parent-teacher conferences are an ideal time to find out about your youngster's behavior in school.

Practice

Being consistent at home will help your youngster follow rules at school. If she leaves the kitchen table without being excused, you might say, "Our rule at home is that we stay at the table until dinner ends. What's the rule for staying seated at school?" Or remind her that she's working on keeping her classroom desk neater, and have her practice by straightening her room more often at home.

Teamwork

Show your child that you and her teacher are a team. If you are confused by classroom discipline, contact the teacher rather than questioning her



judgment to your youngster. For example, if your child is kept in at recess but says she "didn't do anything," ask the teacher what happened. Then, talk with your youngster about her behavior and the importance of respecting her teacher's decisions.

Attention Parents –Mark Your Calendars

As the holidays approach, our school calendar is becoming full of events. The first big event of the month will be the Primary Harvest Feast, Thursday, November 20th. Families and friends of the children are going to be joining them for a traditional Thanksgiving lunch. Each parent will bring a favorite dish to share. Lunch will be followed by making crafts. On Friday November 21st,

the Primary Community is going on an a trip to The Constitution Village where they will enjoy magical holiday attractions, decorate gingerbread cookies, see reindeer, make crafts, and play in the snow flurries at the Village. Also on Friday the Navigators (6th, 7th & 8th graders) will be presenting their Power Point Science Presentations for the parents in the Great Hall 12PM-1PM. The last big event of the month

will be The School Walk for Diabetes. Primary and Elementary communities will be participating in this as a part of CDS Cares on Tuesday November 25th. Also on this day, the Preschool community will be having their Mini March for Cystic Fibrosis. Be sure to mark your calendars because as you can see it is going to be a busy next couple of weeks.



5 Simple Steps to a Green Holiday



The end of Halloween means the beginning of a fast paced season. While there certainly is a lot to think about from November to January, don't forget to think green and protect the environment in the busiest time of the year. Here are five simple steps to a greener holiday season.

1. Recycle your wrapping paper— for an economical and green solution to your holiday wrapping, opt for recycled wrapping paper. Most paper product companies produce wrapping paper made from recycled goods. You can also wrap in old editions of the newspaper or even scrap paper from your

printer. Don't throw away those packing peanuts either. They can be used to fill gift bags or boxes instead of tissue paper.

2. Eat leftovers— Eating turkey sandwiches every day for a week after Thanksgiving loses its appeal after Friday's lunch. But arming yourself with recipes for those leftovers can provide you with unique ways to prepare turkey and keep it from getting old. Eating leftovers is smart not only on turkey day but the whole year through. For great left over recipes visit: www.allrecipes.com or www.foodnetwork.com, and start planning now to eliminate waste.

3. Save your receipts— failing to save your receipts can result in gifts that are not returnable. By saving your receipt you can easily return gifts that turn out to be not exactly what the receiver wanted. Letting a gift sit in a box in someone's basement or hang unused in their closet is wasteful and that is not

green.

4. Make a list— too many trips to the store result in wasted gas and an extra big carbon footprint around the holidays . Make a list of all the things you need. Take ten minutes before you go to the store to mentally run through everything you need to prepare. Think about wrapping accessories like bows, tape, scissors and gift tags as well as things like stocking stuffers and gifts for everyone your list like a neighbor, co-worker or teacher.

5. Make your gifts— Give gifts that aren't pre-packed in tons of eco-un-friendly plastics. Everyone loves homemade gifts that really speak to who they are and skills for the giver. Consider food gifts like homemade fudge, chocolates or pies. Other hand made gifts to consider are homemade soaps or candles. As a gift from the ordinary, these gifts will be well received!

Interior Holiday Marketplace Open House

Looking for something fun for the family to do this weekend?

Interior Marketplace Open House is taking place on Sat. 11 am-3 & Sun. 1-3 pm at , 5732 Highway 431 South in Brownsboro. This unique complex of boutique shops, show-

rooms & galleries will present a Holiday Open House featuring gourmet cooking demonstrations & food sampling, wood carving, engraving & jewelry crafting, book signings, live holiday music & more. For more information, call (256) 539-9113.

Worth Quoting

"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn"

Elizabeth Lawrence



Recycling Contacts

Huntsville: 830-2467
www.swdahsv.org/recycling.html



Decatur: 341-4740

If you don't have a bin:
Huntsville city residents: 830-2467
Residents outside of Huntsville city limits: 532-1513
Decatur city residents: 341-4770

Just for fun...



"He's got a point. Nobody eats a flamingo on Thanksgiving."

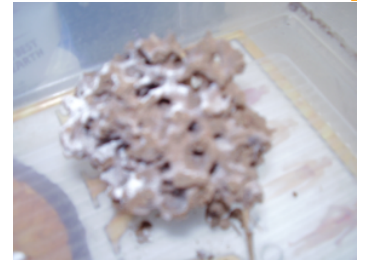


Preschool News November 14, 2008

We have had a fun week in the preschool. The children became interested in and talked all about the ant hills we saw when we went on our adventure. We showed them what the inside of an ant hill looks like and then they used play dough in the studio to make replicas.

You may see your children using sign language. We are introducing them to the idea and the importance of it.

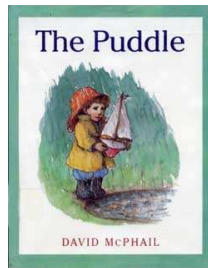
Please take some time and look at the documentation board to see how our project is flourishing. You will find lots of fantastic drawings and some great pictures!



Preschool loved the story *The Puddle* by David McPhail. Please ask you child to tell you something about it. A hint: there are a frog, turtle, elephant, pig and alligator.

Book bags were checked out on Thursday. The next check out won't be until after Thanksgiving so enjoy!

Roberta Malcolm, Librarian



Reminders

1. Thank you to Widman and Cole Families for snack this week. Next weeks snack will be provided by the Robinson and Davis Families.
2. Please Label your child 's coat if you have not done so already.