



## Mrs. Utschig and Mrs. Arace's *November Newsletter*

It is hard to believe November is here, already! There are many things to look forward to this month!

The magic letter bag will make a few appearances this month, because we will be learning the letters F, G, H, and I. We will also be reviewing letters A-I after Thanksgiving. The children will create projects that begin with these initial consonants, such as frogs, grapes, goldfish, hedgehogs, houses and insects.

There will be **NO SCHOOL** on Tuesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, due to a Superintendent's Conference Day. The teachers will have a staff workshop on that day. School will also be closed on Friday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> due to Veterans Day.

School pictures will be taken on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Please have your child wear their "best" clothes for this special day. We are sure you will enjoy the keepsake from Dante Photographers.

Our November theme, is, of course, "Thanksgiving." The students will learn about the original Thanksgiving Feast which included the Pilgrims and Native Americans. If you look around our room and our display boards in a week or so, you will begin to see Pilgrim boys and girls, Native Americans, and many kinds of colorful turkeys, using different art techniques. The children will learn how to tell a story just as the Native Americans did using pictographs. The Thanksgiving theme will culminate with our tradition of the Thanksgiving Festival. The children will celebrate Thanksgiving by story-telling, and crafts.

The square shape will be introduced this month. The children will use craft sticks, blocks and legos to make this new shape. They will continue to improve their math skills learning numbers 4 and 5. The new color this month is....brown!

I am sure you have noticed the improvement in your child's handwriting. This month, they will practice writing their new letters, numbers 1-5 and their

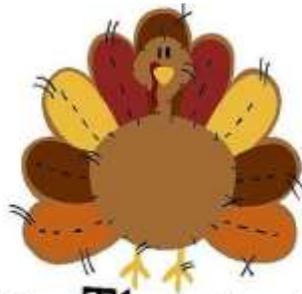
names. With winter coming, the children will enjoy a very informative lesson on "germs" in the classroom. We will use two different colored glitter to represent germs, and when they shake hands or touch something, they will see how easy it is to spread germs! This lesson will be introduced by using a fun and interesting puppet show. Hopefully, they will remember this lesson through the cold, winter months!

This year, Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Dismissal will be at 11:30 on Tuesday and Thursday of that week.

The children are working on skills every week in class. This month alone, they will be improving the following skills:

Letter Recognition, Number Recognition, Fine Motor, Initial Consonant Recognition, Handwriting, Sorting, Shape Recognition, Understanding Cultural Differences, Scientific Thinking, Storytelling.....just to name a few!

They are learning their academic subjects every day, but they are also learning to be kind, caring individuals.



Happy Thanksgiving