

Hello parents,



Gobble, gobble, gobble! Halloween fun is behind us, and we are in November, the month of giving thanks and being appreciative for the world around us! This month, children will receive lessons in grace and courtesy that focus on being appreciative and thankful for their family and friends and for the environment they live in.

Our unit this month is living and non-living things. It is a fun and interesting concept for children, and I feel it is best understood when they participate through an art project. Therefore, I ask that you send 5 small items/objects or pictures of each category. (For instance, a leaf, a picture of an owl or a little boy a picture of chair or a book... etc.). Please send the items in a clearly labeled plastic bag and place it in the labeled basket. The children will also learn about North America, its famous landmarks, and its unique animals. We will sing the 50 states song in class, and they will learn about the holiday of Thanksgiving.

We have a unique tradition here at FVM! We will be reading the book "Stone Soup" in class. It is a European folk story in which hungry strangers convince the people of a small village to each share a small amount of their food to make a soup that everyone enjoys. The moral of the story is to teach the value of sharing. The school will provide us with vegetables and ingredients to make our own Stone soup. We will cut and prepare the vegetables on Monday, November 22nd. We will make the soup on Tuesday, November 23rd and the children will be able to eat it along with their lunch. Please let us know if you do not want your child to enjoy the soup in class, we will be happy to send it home.

Our study unit for science will focus on classification of animals where the children will learn about birds and the parts of the turkey. They will make their own turkeys to take home! We will also learn about parts of a tree and have a class project of a giving tree. I will help the children write their wishes on a leaf cutout and we will place all such wishes on the tree.

The musician of the month is Michael Jackson. I am excited to show them the moon walk as we enjoy some of his classics. The children will create their own turkey themed art project using a combination of art techniques.

Please note, school will be closed for parent- teacher conferences on Friday, November 5th. I look forward to meeting with you in person or by phone, as per your convenience. Please make sure to sign up on the sheet outside the classroom.

Have a safe and healthy Thanksgiving!

Ms. Gassia and Ms. Cynthia

