



November is a month to be thankful! We will fondly remember the veterans for their invaluable service and talk about everything we are thankful to have in our lives.

It is the time of the year to sign-up for Parent/Teacher conferences on Friday, November 5th, 2021. The sign-up sheet is posted on the counter by Room 5's entrance. The school will be closed that day and you have the option to choose a telephone conference or an in person meeting with me. Daycare will be provided during the 20 min. in person conference.

Our unit of study for the month is Transportation. We will learn about ways to travel and modes of transportation. Ms. Veronica, our Spanish teacher, will teach Spanish terms for transportation.

The children will learn about parts of a tree. We will continue our world travels and learn more about the wonderful country we live in, the USA. The children will explore the States; learn about the currency, flag, and animals of the USA. We will also learn the 50 States song and talk about some Native American tribes and their contribution to art. The children will watch an educational documentary about North America which will include places of interest and animals of the continent.

Have you heard your child sing any of The Beatles' songs during October? They are learning about various musicians/composers, different genres of music and types and names of instruments. For November, the children will learn about Aretha Franklin and listen to her songs. For art, we will learn about the great artist, Andy Warhol, and recreate his "Mickey Mouse" art project using coffee filters and markers. Harvest-themed art projects will be made and displayed during this month.

If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday in school, you may send pictures of your child during his/her birthday month. The pictures (one at birth, 1 year, 2 years and so on) will be displayed on the birthday wall for the children to enjoy. We will celebrate his/her birthday the Montessori way with a "Walk Around the Sun". Parents are welcome to join virtually. Please let me know ahead of time to arrange a video call for the day and time.

We will be reading the book "Stone Soup" prior to the Thanksgiving recess that will begin on Wednesday, November 24th. 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 meal that everyone enjoys. The moral of the story is to teach the value of sharing. The school will provide us with the 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 participate in this project.

Please be on the lookout for FVM's See's Candy Drive, to be held from November 15th through 29th.

We are thankful to all the wonderful families of FVM for sharing your prized possession with us. Happy Thanksgiving!

November birthdays: Miranda - 11/3; Keenan & Karam - 11/5; Isabella - 11/21

