



## November 2017 Newsletter

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Dear Creative Corner School Families,  
During the month of October, we had fun learning all about the changes that happen during the season of Autumn. We went on many walks and explored the many changing colors of leaves. We collected leaves, studied them, and looked at their differences. We also used them to create many new art projects, like rubbing stencils. We explored apples and pumpkins and learned how they grow from a tiny seed. We loved discovering what was inside and learned that pumpkins have hundreds of seeds. As November starts, it is the month that reminds us to be thankful. We will be learning about being thankful and studying an author as we learn how they create the wonderful stories we read every day. We would like each of you to know how thankful we are that your family is part of Creative Corner School. We are also thankful for the opportunity to watch your child grow and learn daily.  
Kind regards,  
Jeanne and Sam

### Upcoming Events

**Monday, November 6 - Thursday, November 16 Holiday Food Drive** - We will be hosting a can drive with donation bins located on the bottom and first floor. All donations will be donated to **The Council of Social Concern's Food Pantry** (they serve Winchester and Woburn) before Thanksgiving. We hope that you will participate and donate canned and nonperishable food during this time.

**Tuesday, November 7; 4-6 pm Free Shoe Fitting** curtesy Kids Footstop, Winchester. Stop by the playspace to have a professional measure your child's foot. Discount coupons will be distributed.

**Thursday & Friday November 23<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>** -The center is closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

**WE ARE OPEN NOVEMBER 10**



### Program Updates

#### **Scholastic Book Fair:**

From all the families and teachers who bought books, Creative Corner School earned over \$1,900 in free Books. They will be distributed equally throughout the center. Thank you for all your support.



### Classroom Highlights

**Infants:** During the month of October, the infants had a wonderful start to the fall season. Children in Yellow 1 and Green 1 painted pumpkins, played with the inside of a pumpkin, painted a picture of a pumpkin with the pumpkin pie filling and bundled up as we went for some wonderful walks enjoying the nice fall foliage. Creative Corner School held a curriculum night, thank you to all of the families that came to check it out; it was a blast! We also had a fabulous book fair going on with lots of great books to choose from. Thank you again for the wonderful book donations! In November, we look forward to continuing to have fun with fall activities such as, painting with leaves, leaf sensory and fall sensory bottles.

**Toddlers:** October was a fun month for the toddler classrooms. During art times we used fall paint colors to create colorful autumn pictures. Friends had fun constructing scarecrows using paper, glue and straw. Our fall unit was complete with the carving of real pumpkins and exploring them inside and out. We sang songs about falling leaves and the colors we see this time of year. Our neighborhood walks were great as we stomped and

skipped through the crunchy leaves. Miss Pat had us up marching with instruments and we had fun pretending to be fun animals during yoga. Our math times were spent sorting and counting items such as bears, pumpkins and animals. Our curriculum night was a great success; it was so nice to see all of our wonderful families play in their child's classroom with them. We look forward to a fun, brisk and thankful November.



### **Preschool:**

Preschool is having so much fun enjoying and welcoming fall! We enjoyed a walking field trip to the Woburn Fire Station during safety week. The children were able to explore the fire station, ask real fire fighters questions and watch the fire truck put its ladder way up into the sky! We had fun sorting and graphing our favorite autumn colors. The classes all went on a leaf scavenger hunt around the neighborhood and then used magnifying glasses to investigate and explore the leaves we collected. We got messy during our pumpkin week when we took turns pulling the guts and seeds out of our pumpkins. The kids each got to paint a mini pumpkin and bring it home. We ended our month learning about owls and arachnids. Preschool had the best time at our costume/pajama party and is looking forward to learning about turkeys, art & artists, author study, and many thanks during November.

**Pre-K and Kindergarten:** The pre-k classes had a very busy month learning about our five senses by exploring what they are and conducting fun experiments to see how they all work. We were able to enjoy unseasonably warm weather entering Autumn. We learned how to practice staying safe in the event of a fire as well as at home and at school. We had a wonderful turn out at our Curriculum Night and are very thankful for all the new books that were bought for the classroom libraries. We used name recognition skills as we located our very own pumpkins in Creative Corner's pumpkin patch and then painted them. The classes measured, counted and estimated how many seeds our class pumpkin held after we carved the pumpkin into a Jack-O-Lantern. We discovered hands on learning

about Autumn's colors as we ventured to Horn Pond for our annual leaf hunt; special thank you to Ms. Doherty, Ms. Malcolm and Ms. Traganos for helping to chaperone. Special shout out to Ms. McGeehan for coming in to read to the children, always a special treat! We finished up the month with our school wide Halloween parade and learning about arachnids. Next month, some of the themes we will be working on are woodland animals, nutrition and giving thanks.



### **Everyday Mathematics**

Cooking with kids is one of the most valuable family activities you can engage in together. Cooking is math (fractions, measuring and adding), science (chemistry), literacy (reading the recipe) and following directions. When you cook with your child they are more willing to try new foods if they helped make it. Please try this easy pumpkin pancake recipe at home with you child. You may also add a literacy component by reading the story **If You Give a Pig a Pancake**, by Laura Numeroff.

### **Pumpkin Pancakes**

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 egg
- 1 2/3 cups milk
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 teaspoon Pure Vanilla Extract
- 2 cups flour
- 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon Pumpkin Pie Spice
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

#### **Instructions**

1. Beat egg in medium bowl. Add milk, pumpkin, butter and vanilla; mix well. Mix remaining ingredients in large bowl until well blended. Add pumpkin mixture; stir just until blended. Let stand 5 minutes.
2. Pour 1/4 cup of batter per pancake onto preheated lightly greased griddle or skillet. Cook 1 to 2 minutes per side or until golden brown, turning when pancakes begin to bubble.

### **Reminders**

During Drop Off and Pick Up please keep your child with you at all times. *Do not let children run ahead or wander.*

Drop off is by 9:30 am unless your child has a Doctor/Dentist appointment. Please inform the classroom the day before.

Late pick-up after 6pm: if a child is left at Creative Corner School past our normal closing time of 6pm a penalty fee of \$2 per minute will be charged.

Late pickup prior to 6pm: during the center's normal hours of operation, you will be charged in full-hour extended rates, provided the Director has been notified that pick-up will be delayed. A penalty rate of \$2 per minute will be charged for failing to notify the Director of a late pick-up.

Do not let children input the door code. There are other responsibilities you can give your child at drop off, such as carrying their backpack

### **Music Enrichment**

Last month your children enjoyed using their imaginations, instruments, fingers and whole body as we sang and moved to October-themed pieces including "Gray Squirrel," Hooting Owl." And "Pumpkins are Rolling." As we anticipate the Thanksgiving Holiday, students will participate in varied musical activities surrounding the themes of thanksgiving, family, travel, and barnyard animals. "Five Fat Turkeys" lends itself to a lot of musical fun. Here are the words for you!



"Five Fat Turkeys"  
American Children's Song

Five fat turkeys are we  
We slept all night in a tree  
When the cook came around,  
We couldn't be found  
So that's why we're here you see!  
Gobble, Gobble, Gobble, Gobble, Glee!

### **Thank You**

- We would like to thank all the families who participated in our Curriculum Night.
- We would like to thank all the families at Creative Corner School that purchased books online and those that bought them at the book fair. All books were received and distributed to your child's classroom.
- Thank you to all the staff who volunteered to help at the book fair.

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