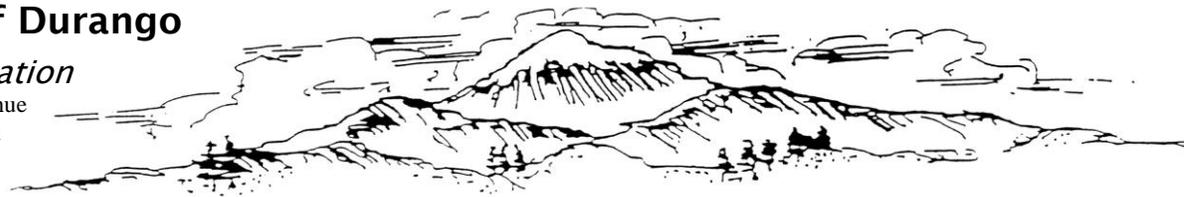


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Monthly Newsletter: November, 2019

This year's Harvest Festival was a hit! Thank you to all the parents who donated and/or volunteered. Also, thank you to all of the parents who chaperoned on the October field trip to the library and those of you who continue to fulfill our wish list. We couldn't do it without you!

What have the students been doing? What do they have to look forward to this month?

Math and Sensorial Skills

The students have been working on:

- Writing numerals using the proper formation
- 1 to 1 correspondence for 0-10
- Extensions for the sensorial materials
- Size discrimination vocabulary
- Using shapes to practice vocabulary and correct pencil grip

This month we will be introducing:

- Distinguishing between patterns and symmetry
- 1-to-1 correspondence for numerals 0-20

Practical Life

The students have been working on:

- Harvest activities
- Practical life work involving tweezing, poring with a funnel, and buttoning.

This month we will be introducing:

- Practical life exploration through multi-step activities
- Dressing frames, weaving, packing a suitcase, and introduction to shoe lacing and tying.

Spanish

The students have been working on:

- Spanish greetings, the calendar, numbers & colors

This month we will be introducing:

- Clothing vocabulary in Spanish (la ropa)
- Dia de los Muertos (Nov 1)

Art

The students have been working on:

- Layering
- Copying from drawing booklets
- Watercolor and Tempera paintings with small brushes
- Using texture plates to create texture in drawings

This month we will be introducing

- Patterns and Symmetry
- Continuing with fluency of basic skills

Language

The students have been working on:

- Language development through phonetic sounds and concepts.
- Pencil grip and letter formation
- Kindergarteners have been keeping track of the number of school days with a timeline and calendar

This month we will be introducing:

- The mailbox will be introduced to foster writing as a form of communication
- Kindergarteners will continue progressing with sight words

Science and Geography

The students have been working on:

- Earth's layers, volcanos, fossils, dinosaurs, and weather.

This month we will be introducing:

- Continents, landforms, and seasons (fall/winter)
- The various rocks and minerals that make up the Earth's surface.

For Your
Calendar

Nov 25-29: Closed
For Thanksgiving
Break

Dec 18 & 19:
Cultural Celebrations!

FYIs and Upcoming Events:

We have chosen **Mexico and Thailand** to study for this year's **Cultural Celebrations**. If you have any items such as postcards, artifacts, clothing, etc. you would like to lend us, please bring them in by the beginning of December. More information regarding our cultural celebrations will be provided in the December newsletter.

We would also like to let parents know that Becca will be collecting some of the students' art work for our **Annual Student Art Show** in the spring. Please remind your children not to take work from the blue tray or magnet board in the green room at the end of the day. Becca will be placing the students' work in their bins once she has had the opportunity to look through it and select the pieces she wants to save.

We will be **CLOSED** Monday through Friday, **November 25 – 29** for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Reminders:

Shutterfly:

We have been posting **lots of pictures** on our Shutterfly site and there are *many reminders* we send out through that site as well! If you have not yet used our Shutterfly account you can set it up anytime - invitations were sent by email at the beginning of the year. Since it's also a photo printing website you can easily order prints or make photo gifts if there's a picture you really like. Feel free to check in with Katy or Stacy if you have any questions!

Winter Necessities:

With winter well on its way, it is important for your child to have a **warm coat clearly labeled** with his or her name for recess.

When the snow arrives, **we ask that your child have the following items (clearly labeled) at school each day: warm waterproof gloves/mittens, a hat, boots, and snowsuit.**

We will only be venturing outside after lunch (12:00-1:00 p.m.) on snowy days.

We also request that parents bring in a bag (a reusable grocery bag works well) with all your child's winter items in it. This enables them to find their things easily and allows them to carry their items all at once when it is time to dress for recess. Thank you!

Water Bottles:

We want to remind parents that we are encouraging students to keep water bottles in their bins to use throughout the day. We ask that these bottles only contain water and are brought home at the end of each week for cleaning.

Cook's Corner

Thank you for all the wonderful snacks! Having many options to diversify morning snack time is very helpful and the students love it. Keep them coming!

Thank you!!