



## Theme of the month : The Four Seasons!

November was short but sweet! We embarked in an exploration about Pilgrims, Native Americans and the history of the Thanksgiving celebration. At circle time we read books about Thanksgiving Day and the friendship that the Natives and Pilgrims developed and how they came together to give thanks for the provisions of food and shelter. In Cultural Studies, our children learned about the culture, clothing, food and housing of Native Americans. They also studied Indian symbols that served as means of communication at the time. In addition, we watched a video about the very first Thanksgiving and the many people who celebrate it in different countries and islands.



In art, we had fun making poking turkeys, putting together Thanksgiving booklets, gluing colorful feathers on a turkey and making Pilgrim and Native American puppets. Along with the various theme related art activities, crafts and worksheets, we had a nature walk where the children gathered leaves, acorns and all kinds of items from nature. With all the things they gathered they made their own Nature Fall Collage!

"All that we ourselves are has been made by the child, by the child we were in the first two years of our lives."

—Dr. Maria Montessori



More importantly, we shared about the importance to give to the less fortunate especially during the holiday season. We have decided to participate with the Toys for Tots organization this year to instill in our children the value and rewarding experience of giving to others. Thank you to all of you for participating in this great cause. It was so amazing to see the children's faces light up as they put the toys into the box.



## Moms & Helpers of the Month.

Our highlight of the month was definitely our beautiful Thanksgiving Feast! Our friends looked so adorable as they dressed up as Pilgrims and sang songs in their lovely singing voices. We would like to recognize our very creative Moms of the Month, Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Khan, for making the precious girls' bonnets and the boys' hats as well as the fun crafts for the feast. They also helped to decorate our lunch room and it looked beautiful! Thanks to our room moms, Mrs. Nanco and Mrs. Imam for their help during the activity and to all the parents for your monetary contribution that made this all possible, it was very special for our children!



We hope your children have been enjoying school as much as we have. We are thankful to watch them learn and grow!

## Important Upcoming Dates:

December 11th - Progress Reports

December 18th - Holiday Party (half day)

December 21st / January 1st - Winter Break (No School)

January 4th - Teacher Workday (No School)

