



**Little Sunbeams Preschool**  
A Reggio Emilia Inspired School

# NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents:

Thank you for making our Halloween Festival such a success! We had tons of parent help and participation at the booths, and with the trunk-or-treat. Thank you also for taking the time to decorate the mini pumpkins, what a beautiful display they made! And the winners are... 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Marky, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Fernanda, and the 1<sup>st</sup> place goes to Kennedy!

We noticed that many parents took school flyers to friends and acquaintances and even took the time to write a school review on Yelp, Google, and/or facebook. Thank you for giving our school a shout out; your first-hand witness of the Little Sunbeams experience carries a lot of weight when you share it.

Did you know that based on Reggio Emilia's philosophy the Environment is the students' third teacher? One of the ways the environment becomes the third teacher at Little Sunbeams is through the use of natural materials. In October, teachers brought in real pumpkins, pumpkin seeds, squashes, straw, and beans to name a few, for children to manipulate and have a unique sensory experience in their daily instruction.

We look forward to November and all the exciting ways we plan to continue to utilize Reggio Emilia elements to drive important skills in our daily learning.

We love your children; they give us many reasons and opportunities this month and always to be thankful as they are the big little blessings in our lives!

Sincerely,

Ms. Miriam



-to all the parents that volunteered time and brought in items to make possible a successful Halloween Festival

-to all the parents who signed up for the upcoming Christmas event with the City of Litchfield, it will be lots of fun!!!

-to all the parents who continue to read at home each night as evident by the daily reading logs.



Happy Birthday Alma (Nov 2) and Tru (Nov 26)

## NOVEMBER THEME & SKILLS:

Theme: Why do I say thank you?

Sub-theme	shape	color
<u>Week 1: What am I thankful for?</u>	2 yo's triangle	orange
<u>Week 2: What foods am I thankful for?</u>	3 yo's triangle, diamond	orange
<u>Week 4: How do I show I'm thankful?</u>	4 yo's triangle, diamond	orange, earth tones
2 year-olds	3 year-olds	4 year-olds
<b>Math: counting &amp; # recognition</b>		
1-5/3	1-15/1-5	1-30/1-20
<b>ABC's</b> chants abc's	I, J, K	W, X, Y, Z
<b>Writing/small motor</b>		
trace large figures puzzles	Holds pencil correctly puzzles	writes last name, letters puzzles
<b>Story time/Reading</b>		
Turns pages correctly	reads pictures	Reads beginning sounds
Hear stories about Thanksgiving and Native Americans		
<b>Science</b>	Observe, discuss, and represent fall images, foods	
<b>Large Motor</b>	hops	balances
<b>Atelier</b>	Represents fall, thanksgiving, and Native American cultural images	

## NOVEMBER EVENTS & REMINDERS

**VETERAN'S DAY** observance- November 10<sup>th</sup>: **no school!**

**THANKSGIVING EVENT CANCELLED:** we will cancel the Thanksgiving dinner scheduled on November 17 due to the December event which has been moved to an earlier day.

**THANKSGIVING BREAK:** November 20-24: no school

**DOORBELL:** We apologize for the lack of a doorbell and the inconvenience it poses; THANK YOU for your patience. A new doorbell is coming soon.

**VIP:** please don't forget to prepare a "me" poster of your child in the beginning of the week he/she is scheduled as the VIP. See the snack calendar in the back if your child is scheduled this month.

**CONFERENCE REQUESTS:** Teachers normally report your child's observations in the daily journals. However, if you would like to schedule a conference with a teacher to discuss your child's progress in more detail, please feel free to request one on your child's journal. We will be more than happy to hold a conference with you. The official parent conferences take place in December and May.

**DAILY SCHEDULES:** please review the school schedule posted in our website to view your child's school day. A few friendly reminders about the schedule: students who are consistently late or absent will not fully benefit from our program; missed time or days are not made up unless an additional fee is provided for more time; your child's pick up time stays the same even when your child gets dropped off late; let us know when you want to alter your schedule.

**FLU SEASON** is here! If you haven't yet, please read our health policy on our website as a reminder of things we do to keep our children healthier this flu season and throughout the year. Remember your child comes to school 24 hours after a fever breaks; and if your child gets diagnosed with a contagious disease by a physician, please let us know immediately so that we send a health alert home.