

11/19/21

Dear Parents,

The topic this week was Thanksgiving and the letter Tt. This week our students learned about Thanksgiving, how it began and why we celebrate it. The Thanksgiving story starts in England in 1620, when about 100 passengers called the "Pilgrims" boarded a ship called the "Mayflower". They sailed across the ocean to start a new life. The Pilgrims settled into a village called Plymouth which was inhabited by the Native Americans. They taught the Pilgrims essential surviving knowledge about crops and plants. Because of this act of friendship and generosity, the pilgrims survived another winter. With the help of their neighbors, they welcomed a harvest in the fall and celebrated with the first Thanksgiving. Even though the first Thanksgiving was hundreds of years ago, it wasn't an official holiday until 1863 when Abraham Lincoln declared it to be a national holiday on the fourth Thursday of November.

Although their Thanksgiving dinner may have been a little different from what we enjoy today, the concept of gratitude and friendship remains the same.

Academic Enrichment and Art

Throughout the week, we stayed busy doing many different Thanksgiving crafts and projects and preparing for the feast on Friday. The students traced and colored the letter Tt. They made a colorful and funny turkey using brown construction paper and tissue paper to hang in the classroom.

We also made a headband with a turkey head using construction paper and colorful feathers. We made a thankful turkey and the children wrote what they were thankful for. Some of the things they were grateful for were mom and dad, brothers and sisters, friends, cousins, their pets, and toys. They also decorated their very own placemat that was laminated and used in the Thanksgiving feast on Friday. On Friday they also decorated their own precut turkeys with feathers, glitter, tissue paper, etc. They got really creative!

Some of the books we read this week are:

My T Book

Thanksgiving Day

The Big Thanksgiving Race

Thanksgiving Is For Giving Thanks

Run Turkey Run

Thank you to all the parents who sent food for the Thanksgiving lunch. The class had a wonderful Thanksgiving feast. Hope you enjoyed all the pictures on Brightwheel.

Student of the week.

Our next student of the week will be on Monday 11/29/2021, as the following week is a short one.

Brown Door: Arianne Loyola

Purple Door: Nella Noel

Orange Door: Katherine Nava

Please bring a poster with pictures of family and friends and their favorite things to present to the class.

11/24- Wednesday is a teacher's planning day and attendance for VPK is not mandatory, and your child will not be marked absent if they do not come to school.

11/25-11/26 School closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Quote of the week

"If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough. "

Meister Eckhart

Since next week is a short and non-instructional week, there will be no weekly letter. Wishing you all a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday and hope you all enjoy the long weekend with your loved ones.

Ms. Ana and Ms. Nadia

Ms. Marta and Ms. Emma

Ms. Laura and Ms. Milquella