

# Wonderful One's Fall 2017 Newsletter

Welcome fall! We are so happy to see you. We have already felt the change in the air and are very excited for cooler weather.

## **What is sensory play?**

*"Toddlers and children learn best through their senses. Any play which stimulates the use of touch, smell, sight, hearing, using fine motor muscles etc is considered sensory play. Stimulating neural pathways through sensory experiences is a crucial part of kids' early brain development.*

*Stimulating senses through play sends signals to the brain which help develop its ability to identify objects and explore the world. Learning to differentiate sharp from round, smooth from rough, cold from warm is a basic step in empowering the brain's ability to discover, classify and sort more sophisticated information later through life.*

*If children have enough room to get messy with various types of sensory play, for instance water, sand, flour, mud, digging, pouring, rolling or sliding materials, they will have more experience stretching their sensors and exploring various concepts of space and movement. Although thoughtful adult support is very important when it comes to explaining things and providing valuable information, while they're young kids will learn best by being active and personally experiencing various sensations." (Kidsfirstcommunity.com)*

During the month of **October** we will be talking about God's gift of fall. This will include changing weather, changing leaves, pumpkins, and fall harvests. We will be making lots of art using the colors red, orange, yellow, and black. We are also going to do some fun sensory activities with pumpkins as well as tasting pumpkin flavored treats. I will put a signup sheet in the classroom and would appreciate any donations for our activities. We will also be having a Halloween celebration on Tuesday **October 31st**. You may bring your child dressed in a costume over their clothes (no masks please). We will have trick or treating so if each child could please bring a bag of nut free treats we would greatly appreciate it.

For the month of November our classroom theme will be Thanksgiving and on the farm. We will also be talking about which of God's gifts we are most thankful for. We have some awesome sensory and science activities planned as well as more

super cute art projects. We will be having our annual turkey luncheon on **Friday** the 17<sup>th</sup> so please feel free to join your little ones for lunch that day.

If you have any questions about our classroom routine or if there is something we can do to help your child feel more at ease please feel free to ask. We are here to make your child feel welcome and comfortable so that they can be free to explore and learn. Our program is based on the importance of learning through play and discovery with emphasis on literature, art, and music. Please join us at home by reading to your child daily and encouraging exploration through play.

Just a reminder SHECC will be closed on **November 23rd** and 24<sup>th</sup> for the **Thanksgiving** holiday. We hope that you all have a truly blessed holiday and enjoy the time home with your little ones. We are all very thankful for the opportunity to love and care for your children and be a part of their growing process.

Ms. Jen S. (**Monday - Friday** 8-5)

Ms. Barbara (**Mon. - Fri.** 12-530)

Ms. Sandy (**Tues. Wed. and Thurs.** 10:30-3:30)

Ms. Eloisa (**Mon. Wed. and Fri.** 8-12)

Ms. Jennifer F. (**Tues. and Thurs.** 8-12)