



## Unit Theme: Fall Fun

### Topics: Fall, Leaves, Thanksgiving and Harvest



#### Cognitive Development: We will talk about:

- The colorful Fall season (changes in leaves and trees).
- Weather changes in the Fall.
- The Thanksgiving holiday and what it means to be thankful.
- The harvest and where food grows.

#### Gross Motor Skills:

- We will go for a walk around campus to look for signs of Fall.

#### Fine Motor Skills:

- Practice zipping, buttoning, snapping our clothing.
- String buttons onto pipe cleaners.
- Use leaves from outside and crayons to make leaf rubbings.

#### Art: Each child will:

- Make a colorful turkey.
- Make a headband and macaroni necklace to wear to the Thanksgiving Feast.
- Cut out foods we would enjoy at Thanksgiving and glue onto a paper plate.
- Make 2 thankful leaves, one to hang on the Thankful Tree in the preschool gym and the other to take home.
- As a group, make 2 centerpieces for our Thanksgiving tables.

#### Language Development:

##### Books:

- Thank You, Thanksgiving by David Milgrim
- Fall Changes by Ellen Henisi
- When Autumn Comes by Robert Maass
- Growing Vegetable Soup by Lois Ehlert
- 10 Fat Turkeys by Tony Johnston

##### Music:

- Hap Palmer's "The Turkey Wobble"
- "Autumn Leaves" (sung to the tune of "London Bridge")
- Greg & Steve's "I Like Potatoes" and "The Market Song"

#### Social/Emotional Development:

- The children will work together to prepare a dish for the Thanksgiving Feast.

#### Special Events:

- Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> - Matt the Music Man will be here to perform for the children.
- Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> - Greenhouse Thanksgiving Feast - Preschool One will gather with the rest of the center to dance "The Turkey Wobble" and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.
- Nov. 21 - NCC and the Greenhouse follow a Thursday schedule
- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> - Pizza Lunch - please sign up in the office if you would like your child to enjoy pizza, fruit and a drink.
- Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving/Greenhouse Closed.