



## Unit Theme: Fall Fun

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



#### Cognitive Development: We will:

- Introduce the children to the colorful season of Fall: leaves changing colors, weather getting cooler, etc.
- Talk about Thanksgiving and what we are thankful for.

Vocabulary words: Fall, leaves, red, yellow, brown  
Thanksgiving, turkey and squirrel.

#### Language Development:

##### Books:

- Season on the Farm by Jane Miller
- Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf and Nuts to You by Lois Ehlert
- Fall Changes by Ellen B. Senisi
- The Thankful Book by Todd Parr
- Five Silly Turkeys by Salina Yoon

##### Music:

- "Mr. Turkey", "Mr. Squirrel", "Leaves Are Falling All Around" and "The Turkey Wobble"

#### Math Skills:

- Count and sort fall leaves.

#### Fine Motor Skills/Discovery:

- We will pick leaves from outside, talk about the different colors/textures, then use magnifying glasses to examine them.

#### Gross Motor Skills:

- The children can throw leaves up in the air, then catch/collect them.
- Go for a walk looking for signs of Fall.

#### 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 - Toddler Two 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.

#### Art: Each child will:

- Decorate a fall leaf to add to the Thankful Tree in the preschool gym.
- Make a headband and necklace to wear at the Greenhouse Thanksgiving Feast.
- Decorate a squirrel cutout.
- As a group we will make centerpieces for our Thanksgiving Feast table.

#### Social Emotional Development:

- Encourage the children to take turns and share.
- Gather with the rest of the center for a Thanksgiving feast.