



Dear Kids Klub Parents,

The month of November brings important learning themes to your children as we explore the concepts of thankfulness, family and the fall season. In preparation for Thanksgiving we will be learning about harvest, families and friends. Family will be a central theme not only this month but all year and we will read many stories about many types of families and the differences and similarities families across different cultures have. This month as we study about the Pilgrims and the Native Americans as part of the Thanksgiving Story, we will focus on literature written by Native authors depicting historical and modern day families, traditions, ceremonies and overall culture for a particular Native tribe or people. Again we will find similarities and differences and celebrate them as we learn. The roles of family members change within different cultures and we will see this through the words and illustrations in the books we will be reading. We will be talking about the Thanksgiving Feast and hopeful that by next November the Covid-19 Virus will be under control and we will be able to invite everyone to join us for this special celebration at the centers like we have done each year for the past 25 years. We are sad that this event cannot be hosted this year out of an abundance of caution and we thank you for your understanding and support.

STEM + Art = STEAM learning will be in full force this month as we move from learning lesson to learning lesson, connecting science, technology, engineering, art and math across all the learning environments and themes. From language and storytelling in library time throughout the day to building towns connected by railways and roads, your child will be solving problems, observing others, working as a member of a team and creating a love of exploring the world around them. Developing curiosity, creativity, collaboration and critical thinking are at the heart of the Kids Klub STE(A)M lesson plans. Our skilled teachers are there to facilitate the lessons learned ensuring that proper questions are asked and that problems needed to be solved present themselves so that each child is lead to observe, critically think, plan and actual solve the problems being presented. This incredible learning process takes place all throughout the day whether it be during Dramatic Play time as we shop for food, cook it up at the Diner or at home on the stove or within Blocks and Train Time, Building an Obstacle Course for Balance in Coordination time, solving Puzzles and Manipulatives, or Outdoors exploring nature and navigating the environment.

In the beginning of the month we will finish up with Insects, Spiders and other Creepy Crawly Animals summarizing the similarities and differences of this part of the animal world. We will also review Farm Animals from our September curriculum. The new Animal Kingdom lesson for the month of November will focus on our feathered friends, the Birds. We will be learning all about where birds live; what they eat; how they make nests and lay eggs. We will be listening to bird songs and learning all about feathers and how they help birds fly. From the giant Ostrich to the tiny Hummingbird, your child will have fun watching and learning about these fascinating creatures we have living all around us. We will help teach the lesson of birds in all that we do throughout the day - "flying" from one place to the next using our wings just like we Stopped, dropped and rolled our way through Fire Safety week or pretended to be an insect with 6 legs or a spider with 8 legs or some other creepy crawly throughout October. Children love learning about animals and birds offer many wonderful ways to study the world.

In continuing our Healthy Foods Lessons, we will be focused on Vegetables and Fall fruits of all kinds. Fall Harvest Vegetables and Corn are two of our topics for science this month. Your child will be learning all about Green, Red, Yellow and Brown vegetables and how good they are for our bodies. They will be learning the names of many vegetables and we will use our senses to touch, smell, see and hopefully taste a few of vegetables along the way. For the Corn lesson, we will not only be learning about how corn grows, looks and tastes, we will also be exploring all the different products made with corn. You will be amazed at what your child will tell you. Did you know that we use corn to make toothpaste?? Your child will learn about all the ways we use corn in our diet from fresh corn on the cob to grinding it to make corn meal for products like tortillas, chips, and as a crust on many of our dishes. We will be using our sense of touch as we explore corn meal and corn starch. Also watch and enjoy the colorful and creative art projects that will also come home featuring healthy fruits, vegetables, fall colors, new cultures, new textures as well as listen to the songs and stories your child has to tell. We will also be reviewing our lessons on good manners at the dinner table as well as shopping at the General Store and cooking up healthy meals in Hopper's Home.

In Balance and Coordination, the importance of moving our bodies, developing our muscles and getting in regular exercise will be a focus as the children build fun obstacle courses that help them develop gross motor skills. You will see your child jumping on 1 foot, 2 feet, skipping and going over and under, in and out of the many obstacle course hoops and poles. They will also be learning circuit exercise with our "Let's get our Bodies Moving" Exercise Cards all along the obstacle course path. During this month's music and movement lessons and theater time, your child's class will be moving their body, learning what sounds the instruments they hold make, building confidence and having fun. It is our goal at Kids Klub to teach children that exercise is fun and important and we will do this continuously throughout the month.

Please take time to study your child's learning experience at Kids Klub and use this information to further the learning experience at home. Ask specific questions about each day and let your child share the exciting day they have at school.

Sincerely,
Bambi Wojciechowski
Curriculum Director



Monthly themes: Harvest, Family and Thanksgiving

WEEK 9

Weekly theme: My Family **Letter:** li **Number:** 9 **Shape:** Triangle **Pattern:** AAB, AAB
Color: Yellow for Corn & Brown, Orange, Red & Green and Yellow for Fall

Circle Time Concepts: Zoo Phonics, calendar, numbers, names, letters, shapes, colors, weather, feelings, and share day. What is family? There are many different kinds of families. Bring in a family picture. What is a Family Tree? Fall is a Season, Signs of Fall review. Did you know Corn is a Vegetable, a Fruit and a Grain? What does corn on the cob and corn off the cob look like? How does corn grow? Creepy Crawlies Review- Insect, spiders, other types of creepy crawlies we have learned about -Compare and Contrast, Same and Different, Good Hygiene Review-Flu Season is here.

Songs: 5 Little Pumpkins Where is Thumbkin?
Who Came to School Today? The More We get Together
Good Morning Mr. Sunshine

Books: Families, Fall Harvest and All About Birds Books
Fall Leaves Fall, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
Pumpkin Pumpkin, Count the Ways Little Bear

Art: **Mon:** Corn on the Cob and Gadget Painting (Creativity, Observation & develop eye-hand coordination)
Tues: Water color painting (Using different Art Materials to Create, build fine motor skills & Vocabulary)
Wed: Make a Yellow, Brown, Orange, Red and Green Triangle collage -then make ABA and AABBAAB pattern necklaces with triangles and leaves (color, shape, pattern recognition)
Thurs: Easel painting using a paintbrush and Fall Colors (develop eye-hand coordination and color recognition)
Fri: Have fun creating my family tree (Expand our creativity, understanding & verbal language)
Extra Art: Finger Painting with all the Fall Colors & Tear it -up mosaic collage (fine motor skills, creativity)

Balance & Coordination: Learn how to skip, practice hopping on one and two feet & crawl through an obstacle course made by the children. Use exercise mats instructions, tunnels and foam poles and hula hoops on the ground and standing in their holders to create a fun round and round you go obstacle course - change it and do it again. Set it up outside if weather permits.

Blocks/Trains: Build YOUR house where your Family lives with blocks, add your family of people and pets. Connect your home with your friends homes with roads and use cars to go visit each other. What other places does your community need to function properly as a community? Add School, Fire Station, Police Station, Hospital, and Auto Repair - review Community Helpers (community, planning)

Dramatic Play Time: Hoppy's General Store, Home and School Lessons: Talk about Fall and the Holidays that come in Fall, Halloween and Thanksgiving. Have fun shopping with your friends to get ready for these holidays - what do you need? Then cook all your food to share with your friends. Let's make dinner with ingredients that have corn in them! Dress the babies for Fall weather and teaching them all the things you are learning in school.

Kitchen Creation: Make Yellow playdough with corn meal added in for a fun texture lesson. Talk about measurements both dry and liquids and why we add salt to the dough recipe. Then talk about texture of the dough without corn meal, and then add corn meal and feel the difference. Does your dough look, smell, and feel different or the same? Can you roll it out and make cut outs the same of is it different with the new ingredients in the dough mix? Have fun using your senses to explore.

Library Time All the Time: Read lots of stories all about families and Fall all throughout the day. Start each activity with a story - connect literature to all themes and lessons that you teach. The children will then create their own stories about their family and the fun things you do together during family time. Tell real stories and pretend stories (distinguish between real and pretend)

Puzzles & Manipulatives: Puzzles: Shape, Patterns, Themes - Play with connectors and count to 10, sort into groups of 10, sort by color, make ABA and AABBAAB patterns then sort out Yellow - then connect and create (develop fine motor skills and reinforce math skills)

Music & Movement: Yoga Story Time -listen to the yoga stories and try to do all the special poses. Then lie down on your back, close your eyes, listen and smell carefully. What can you hear? What can you smell with your nose? Sit up and share what you heard and smelt. Turn on the music and dance with your friends. Remember to stay social distanced as you exercise to be extra careful and safe.

Science 1: Take the lesson outside if you can. Learn All About Corn -Observe an ear of corn, describe it, touch it, smell it, Talk about how it grows? Touch dirt, talk about corn seeds, and plant some in a cup. What foods and other products are made of corn? Look at all the products made with corn. Touch Corn Meal and Corn Starch - do they feel the same or different? Taste corn made products - Have fun

Science 2: Creepy Crawlies and Farm Animal Discovery Fun, Review and Play. Can you name all the animals, bugs and other creatures?

Theater Time: Act out family members in your family and see if your friends can guess who? What types of things does each family member do for the family? How do you help around your home? Puppet Show your Family - have fun (role modeling/ self-confidence)



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WEEK 10 Weekly Theme: Who are the Pilgrims & American Indians? **Letter:** Jj **Numbers:** 10, 1 - 10 review
Color: Green and Brown **Shape:** Square and Triangle - Compare/Contrast **Pattern:** AABBC, AABBC

Circle Time Concepts: Zoo Phonics, calendar, numbers, shapes, names, colors, patterns, fall/seasons, my family, Spanish lesson. Who were the Pilgrims and where did they come from? Why did they come to America? What was life like for the Pilgrims? Who helped the Pilgrims learn to grow food and live on the land? Who are the Native Americans? Where did they come from and when? How did they live back when the pilgrims arrived in America? How and where do they live today? Are there still Pilgrims today? People still travel for serious religious reasons as did the Pilgrims that came to America on the Mayflower. Are there still Native Americans living today? There are 574 tribes or Nations in America with over 5 million Native Americans living in America today. Some live on Reservations - most live in communities all across our nation. Each tribe has their own special ceremonies, language, traditional foods passed down from generation to generation. What traditions or special recipes does your family have? What languages are spoken in your home?

Songs: Hello How Are You? I'm a Lil' Turkey
 Today is... Run Little Turkey
 Gobble, Gobble

Books: Books about Family Friends, Fall and Birds
 Stories about Native Peoples, Native Culture & Traditions
 Stories about Pilgrims, the early settlers.

Art: **Mon:** Birds need feathers to fly - Create a Bird Collage - add feathers (explore new textures and the Bird lesson)
Tues: Finger painting beautiful tree with Fall Colors outside in the fresh air. (color recognition and encourage class discussion)
Wed.: Make a 3D brown bag and/or construction paper cornucopia centerpiece to fill with construction and tissue paper fruit and veggies - this will be one of the gifts the children will take home for their Thanksgiving Dinner tables.
Thurs: Hand print turkeys with Fall Colors (enhance animal kingdom lessons through art verbal language)
Fri: Continue Cornucopia Centerpiece Project - making 3d fruits and vegetables with construction and tissue paper and gather Fall leaves, trigs, pinecones etc., to use for decorations inside and all around it.
Extra Art: Continue constructing fruits and veggies from tissue and construction paper to fill your cornucopias. Embellish them with glitter, gems, jewels, etc... Color collage of the Mayflower ship the Pilgrims sailed on (enhance social studies lessons) and have fun corn print painting (art exploration using different medium and build verbal language)

Balance & Coordination: Outside we go as we continue the teaching and practicing with the children skipping and jumping, in and out and over and under - use squares and triangles, hula hoops and poles - create a fun pathway/obstacle course all around the play yard. Sing as you go.

Blocks & Trains: Trains & Tracks work as a team building a new town all connected together - count how many tracks you can put together (teamwork, imagination). Plan, design and build a pilgrim home with Lincoln Logs & blocks (enhance weekly theme learning & imagination)

Dramatic Play Time: Hoppy's General Store, Home and School Lessons: Talk about the early settlers to the Americas and how their lives were different than how we live today. Did they have grocery stores? How did they get their food? Shop for foods the pilgrims would have harvested from their land and used to cook meals. Pretend we are in a Pilgrim home and we are getting ready for Thanksgiving. Talk about how our lives would be different if we lived back then. Would we have the same type of kitchen? BBQ's? tools? Let's teach the dolls what we are learning this week - Felt, Velcro, Magnets & Gears are fun. Don't forget it is Fall weather so dress the babies warmly to take them to school or the grocery store with you. (Social Studies, Role Modeling & good nutrition & building self-confidence as we teach to others)

Kitchen Creation: Measuring, Following Directions, Fine Motor Skill Mixing and then rolling it, cutting it and creating with dough is fun and teaches us lots of lessons. Have fun! Bag it up and send it home to enjoy for days to come.

Library Time: Read LOTS of stories about families and friends, the early settlers to America and how they lived and about Fall, the Harvest and the holidays we celebrate at this time of year. The books about the Native Americans in America are written by Native Americans from different tribes and show modern day life as well as life back when the pilgrims arrived. Discuss and share as you go. (listening, vocabulary)

Puzzles & Manipulatives: Lacing cards, peg boards, connectors and puzzles (develop spatial recognition & fine motor skills)

Music & Movement: Take it outside in the fresh air if weather permits. Practice your songs, hand signals, body movements for your holiday show (video performance) have fun getting ready for your surprise performance "gift" to your parents for the holidays since we cannot have an in person show this year due to the virus. Next: Play freeze dance - have fun as you move our body and freeze when the music stops.

Science 1: Let's explore all kinds of vegetables using our 5 senses - see, touch, smell, hear, taste. Learn the names and colors of many vegetables and talk about how healthy vegetables are for our bodies. (learn healthy foods)

Science 2: Animal kingdom - All About Birds - our fine feathered friends. Learn about birds, their names, colors, nests, feathers, eggs etc

Theater: Putting on a show - practice your holiday show songs and movements. Social distance as you dance and sing. Then pretend to be a bird and use your wings to fly around the stage flapping your arms, tweeting & feeling the wind. You can fly around outside if you wish.



Monthly Theme: Harvest, Family and Thanksgiving

WEEK 11

Weekly theme: Thanksgiving and Being Thankful

Letter: Kk

Numbers: 11, 1-10 review

Color: Brown and Orange **Shape:** Circle and Oval

Pattern: 112211221122

Circle Time/ Concepts: Zoo Phonics, calendar, colors, shapes, names, numbers, Spanish and English, ABC's, days of the week, what is Farming? Who helped the Pilgrims learn how to grow food in America? What is a Family? Who is in my family? What are Grandparents? What is Thanksgiving? Why do we celebrate it? What does it mean to be Thankful? What am I thankful for? What are Table Manners? Birds, Nests, Feathers, Eggs, Flying

Songs: The Months of the Year, This is number...
The Color Is... Gobble, Gobble
I'm a Little Teapot Just Like That

Books: Thanksgiving, Fall, Family and Friends Stories
Being Thankful and Harvest Stories, Bird Stories
Native American Stories

Art: Mon: Paper-plate Thanksgiving wreath-what am I Thankful for? - This will be a gift for the children to take home for their Thanksgiving Holiday. (creativity, themed learning, eye-hand coordination)

Tues: Create a turkey hat-talk about what a Turkey looks like (enhance creativity)

Wed: Continue making your wreaths, add Fall Color Tissue paper and make new tissue creations (color recognition and creativity)

Thurs: Glap painting a turkey using Fall colors and new artistic techniques (develop hand-eye coordination)

Fri: Paint and glue a Happy Thanksgiving door sign creation for your family (making gifts, different textures)

Extra Art: Hand and Foot print turkey and pilgrim art-what is a pilgrim? What am I thankful for?(touch sense, verbal language)
Outside Easel painting a special picture for your family - have fun. (creativity, love, sharing, texture, color fine motor)

Balance & Coordination: Follow the leader outside in the play yard. Change leaders let everyone have a turn. Keep following their every move. Raise arms, fly like a bird, walk forward, backwards, around the tree, climb up and down, over and under, do jumping jacks, squats, skip, hop on 1 foot, hop with both feet, run, freeze, sing, dance, spin around - wherever and whatever the leaders wants to do.

Blocks & Trains Sort, stack, & connect blocks by color, pattern & number - count as you go. Make a stack as high as you can go - how many can you stack before they fall over? What could you do to make the stack higher? Build them up and knock them down. Use 2 different types of blocks and see how high you can stack them. Remember to sort and put them all away in the right bins. (color, number & pattern, problem solving, cause and effect)

Dramatic Play Time: Hoppy's General Store, Home and School Lessons: Talk about Fall and the Holidays that come in Fall, Halloween and Thanksgiving. Have fun shopping with your friends to get ready for these holidays - what do you need? Then cook all your food to share with your friends. Set the Table for Thanksgiving Dinner. Practice your table manners. Dress the babies for Fall weather and teaching them all the things you are learning in school.

Kitchen Creation: Playdough mixing time - Lets make a different size batch - larger - what do we need to change in the recipe? How much should we add of flour, salt, water, and coloring? Have fun creating something special. Let's save this creation and let it dry. Then we can paint it if we wish and keep it forever. (measuring, critical thinking, fine motor skills, following directions,)

Library Time: Share a Family or Thanksgiving story with the class. Who is the funniest family member in your family? Who likes to cook? Read family and Thanksgiving stories and stop along the way in each story you read all day long to discuss what is happening.

Puzzles & Manipulatives: Potato head, latches, hooks and snaps box and zippers, buttons and snaps skill boards (develop fine motor skills)

Music & Movement: Start with stretches and read a yoga story. Then practice songs, movements and have fun rehearsing for the holiday show. Really learn your hand and body movements and plan out your "costume" and "props" to go with your songs.

Science: 1: Continue learning about Thanksgiving and what it means to be thankful. Talk about what you are thankful for. Read Lots of Stories and discuss what is happening in them - what is the same in each story and what is different? (Foods and seasons are connected)

Science 2: Animal kingdom - All About Birds - feathers, nests, bird songs and more- the Science Video will show you real birds and you can study what color they are, what sounds they make and how they move, build nests, search for food, raise their babies and more. Enjoy

Theater: Puppet Show time - host a puppet show about your family - who is in your family? What do you like to do with your family? Then, use this time to again practice songs and movements for the Holiday Show - have fun singing and dancing.



Monthly Theme: Harvest, Family and Thanksgiving

WEEK 12 Weekly Theme: Thanksgiving and Harvest Time Letter: LI Numbers: 12, 1 – 10 review
Shape: All Shapes Review Color: Purple, color-mixing blue & red to make purple Pattern: Turkey, Pumpkin, Turkey Pumpkin

Circle Time/Concepts: Zoo Phonics, calendar, numbers, shapes, names, ABC's, fall colors, Spanish lesson, Good Hygiene, Using your manners at home, table manners at dinner, What is a Harvest? What kinds of fruits and vegetables grow in the Fall? Review all the names of the vegetables you have learned about. Talk about pumpkins – what inside a pumpkin? What is a Pilgrim, Native American, and Thanksgiving? What is a family and who is in my family? What am I thankful for? Review about Birds- Feathers, Eggs, Nests, Flying; Talk about the Seasons and all about Fall. What season comes after Fall? What season came before Fall? What is a gift? What is sharing?

Songs: Gobble, Gobble
5 Little Turkeys
Hurray, It's Thanksgiving Day!

Books: Thanksgiving, Fall, Family and Friend Stories like
Clifford the Big Red Dog "Thanksgiving"
Fall Leaves Fall

Art: **Mon:** Make a fruit and vegetable harvest collage "in" a basket – talk about each item (creativity, theme and healthy foods lesson)

Tue: Pumpkin painting with fall colors – take this home to put on display for the Thanksgiving dinner (creativity, colors)

Wed: Easel painting/ color mixing red and blue to make the color purple-what fruits and vegetables are purple? (colors mixing)

Thurs: School closed for Thanksgiving 🍗

Fri: School closed for Thanksgiving

Extra Art: Water color painting (creativity with different types of paints)

Thanksgiving collage - all things Fall, Thanksgiving, Tear, cut, glue, stickers, glitter, sparkles (fine motor skills)

Balance & Coordination: Exercise is important and developing coordination of our large and small muscles is key. Use the "Let's Get Our Bodies Moving" exercise cards to create a circuit. Go around and around doing the action, pose or exercise on the cards. Put on music and enjoy the fun of exercising. Don't forget to social distance. Have a Spoon and Ball Race after you practice a few times.

Blocks & Trains: Free Choice building, stacking, creating with different types of blocks, buildings, vehicles, people and animals. Our communities, our community helpers and our families are important. (fine motor, community planning and recognition and socialization)

Dramatic Play Time: Hoppy's General Store, Home and School Lessons: Talk about Fall and the holidays that come in Fall, Halloween and Thanksgiving. Have fun shopping with your friends to get ready for these holidays – what do you need? Then cook all your food to share with your friends. Set the Table for Thanksgiving Dinner. Practice your table manners. Dress the babies for Fall weather and teaching them all the things you are learning in school. Have fun role modeling, learning life skills, pretending and playing with your friends.

Kitchen Creation: Let's wash our hands and make our own turkey sandwich for snack today. Identify the different ingredients on your plate. Let's talk about how to make a sandwich. What do you do first, second, third? (Follow directions, spreading, cutting and self reliance skills)

Library Time: Read a collection of Thanksgiving Stories and share your own stories of holidays with your family. Read throughout your day as much as you can connecting the themes and learning concepts to every learning center lesson you experience.

Puzzles & Manipulatives: Puzzles, linking toys, and pegs - (improve spatial skills; fine motor skills; counting, color and pattern recognition)

Music & Movement: Sing, Dance, and Rehearse for holiday show – then read a yoga story and have fun making all the poses in the story as you distress and exercise and challenge your body. Hold each pose. (encourage following directions, class participation)

Science 1: Continue learning about and enjoying stories and songs about Thanksgiving. Talk about being thankful and enjoying dinner and special time with your family. Review good hygiene and good manners at home and at the dinner table. (learn about the Thanksgiving holiday)

Science 2: Families are special and each culture has its own definition of family and the roles each family member plays in the overall family. Read several of the Native American books specially chosen, written by Native authors, to appropriately represent traditional customs and how they are mixed with the modern day world. These books embrace the similarities and differences Native Americans and other cultures have within their families and bring historical accuracy and proper representation of the people, the ceremonies, and the traditions to the classroom.

Theater Time Practice makes perfect so sing and dance and review all the hand and body movements to the holiday songs you are learning for the Holiday Show. Then turn on the music and dance and spin and laugh and move your body – it's time to get the wiggles out.