



FLEUR DE LIS SCHOOL  
established in 1929

## NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

The month of November is always cheerful at Fleur De Lis. The children are busy singing, cooking, exploring weather changes, and learning about Thanksgiving. As the weather gets cooler, please remember to leave warmer clothes (labeled) in your child's cubby.

**Daylight Savings Time** ends on **Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**. It is helpful to remind your children that it will get dark early at school, if you plan to pick up after 5:00 pm. We will be **closed** on **Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>** for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Art Enrichment Program with Ms. Autumn:** We are fortunate to have Ms. Autumn as the team teacher in our 2-year-old program, as well as the Art Teacher for the 3-year-olds and Pre-K groups in the afternoon. Ms. Autumn uses Howard Gardner's "Multiple Intelligences Theory" focusing on various domains as children study one artist over a period of a month. The large emphasis is placed on creative exploration, which we know is essential for children this age.

**Holiday Toy Drive:** We will be accepting new toys for children, **infant to 12-years-old**, during the weeks of **November 16<sup>th</sup> through December 14<sup>th</sup>**. These toys will be donated to homeless and low income children, who will be treated to a day of food, music, and fun. We ask that you bring new, wrapped (if possible) toys labeled B (boy) or G (girl) and the age range (i.e. B 3-6). We would also appreciate your donation of wrapping paper, tape, labels, and candy canes. This is a great way to teach your little ones the gift of helping!

**Birthday Book:** One of the traditions we are bringing back to FDL is the "Birthday Book Club". We encourage all the families to donate a book to your child's classroom for their birthday. A special label will be placed inside to commemorate the day, and the book will be treasured for years to come. Many of our alumni have come back over the years with their own children to find their books in our school library. Please ask your child's teachers if there are particular books they would like for their classroom.



### 2-YEAR-OLD CLASSES

**Ms. Terri, Ms. Autumn & Ms. Kiara's class** and **Ms. Chelsea & Ms. Diana's class** will have their **Open House** on **Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** from **6:30-7:30pm**. **Ms. Terri, Ms. Autumn & Ms. Kiara's class** will be playing Listening Bingo games as they learn about the various animals on the farm. The children will be cooking cornbread and discovering the Mystery Sensory Box for their unit on **5 Senses**. Working in a group, the children will make a texture collage and learn all about the meaning of Thanksgiving. **Ms. Chelsea, Ms. Diana & Ms. Kiara's class** will talk about **Emotions**: names of emotions, ways to express them, and what they look like on our faces. The children will be doing more cooking and discussing **Nutrition** throughout the month: making emotion sugar cookies, tasting healthy snacks, and baking mini veggie pot pies. For the week of Thanksgiving, the class will discuss different family traditions and what makes the holiday special.

### 3-YEAR-OLD CLASSES

This month, **Ms. Amber & Ms. Lizette's class** will learn about **Farm Animals, Family**, and the **5 Senses**. The children will be doing a lot of music & movement activities, pretending to be various animals on the farm. They will also have fun cooking and baking tasty treats. To start off the month, **Ms. April, Ms. Adriana & Ms. Julie's class** will talk about **Fall**, discussing what fall is like around the different parts of the U.S. For the **Farm** week, the children will learn about various animals and make their own vegetable soup. In celebration of **Thanksgiving** and **Native Americans**, the children will exchange special treats with the other 3-year-old class.

### PRE-K CLASSES

**Ms. Tina & Ms. Rebeca's class** will be learning about **Corn & Critters, Silly Scarecrows**, and will have a fun time creating their own "stone soup" project for **Thanksgiving**. **Ms. Kathy, Ms. Ally & Ms. Yasmin's class** will enjoy learning about **Cornfield Crew, Mrs. Wishy Washy's Farm**, and creating projects for Thanksgiving.



### SPANISH PROGRAM

This month, the children will learn the names for **Ropa** (Clothes), followed by units on **Osos** (Bears) and **Dia de Gracias** (Thanksgiving).