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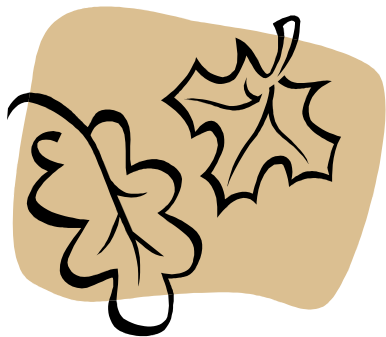
October 5th, 2009

Welcome to the month of October!

October is IPP month, if you have any questions about your child's upcoming IPP please contact your Consulting Teacher.

Have a great month!

Plan a neighbourhood walk to see the beautiful colours, jump in the leaves, collect some treasures and create a beautiful fall collage!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday Oct. 6th
DS Meeting (no program)

Monday Oct 12th
Thanksgiving Day (no program)

Tuesday Nov 3rd
DS Meeting (no program)

Tuesday Nov 11th
No Program (Remembrance Day)

Thursday Nov. 19th
GRIT AGM 7:00pm

Happy Thanksgiving

All In A Word

T for time to be together, turkey, talk, and tangy weather.

H for harvest stored away, home health and holiday.

A for autumn's frosty art, and abundance in the heart.

N for neighbours, nice things and new things to remember.

K for kitchen, kettles' croon, and kith and kin expected soon.

S for sizzles, sights, sounds and something special that abounds.

That spells—Thanks—for joy in living and a jolly good Thanksgiving.

By Aileen Fisher

Fundraising News

Fundraising for the G.R.I.T Calgary Society is a very important addition to the program.

This year Fundraising will not only focus on raising funds for program enhancement but a large portion of fundraising will be put forward to our building fund.

G.R.I.T. is very excited to be raising money for our own building.

A variety of fundraisers will take place throughout the year and we value the support of these events from our families, friends and staff members. If you are able to help through volunteering at events or seeking donations for these events, please contact Annette Eckel at 403-215-2444 ext 225.

Upcoming Fundraising Events

G.R.I.T. Calgary Casino – November 27th and 28th Deerfoot Inn and Casino. I would like to thank everyone who has offered to help with the Casino. I will be sending out an email closer to the date with all the details.

Winter's Charm Gala Saturday February 21st, 2009

The Winter's Charm Gala will take place on Saturday February 21st, 2009 at the Pinebrook Golf and Country Club. The evening will include a buffet dinner, silent auction and several raffles. Tickets will be \$100.00/person and will be available in December.

We are now looking for volunteers to assist with the planning of this very important event. If you are able to volunteer on the planning committee and help raise some very valuable funds for G.R.I.T. please contact Annette at 403-215-2444. We are looking forward to another successful Gala!

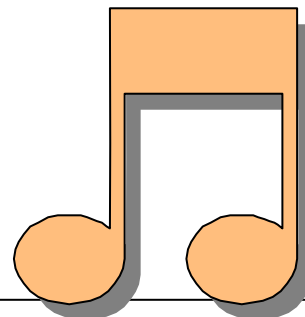
Canadian Tire Money

GRIT Calgary is collecting Canadian Tire Money. If you would like to donate your Canadian Tire Money please pass it on to your Developmental Specialist.

All money collected will be used at Canadian Tire to purchase materials and equipment for the GRIT program throughout the year.

Our fundraising events would not be the success they are without the assistance and support of our amazing volunteers. Thank you for your continued support of the G.R.I.T. Calgary Society.

October Activities



A Turkey Ride

(Sung to Twinkle Twinkle)

This old road is hard and bumpy,
(pretend to drive a car)
Five fat turkeys wild and jumpy
(display 5 fingers and bounce them up and down)
Driver, Driver, not so jerky
(shake your head no)
Or you'll make us lose a turkey
(sad face)
Driver, driver, Stop I say!
(Palm out in a STOP)
One fat turkey just got away.
(flap your arms like a turkey and run on spot)

Repeat until all turkeys are gone.



Pumpkin, Pumpkin

Pumpkin, pumpkin,
Sitting on the wall.
(sit on floor)
Pumpkin, pumpkin
Tip and fall.
(fall to one side)
Pumpkin, pumpkin
Rolling down the street
(roll on floor)
Pumpkin, pumpkin.
Trick-or-treat



Hand Print Spiders: You will need black tempera paint, paper and wiggly eyes. Paint your child's four fingers and palm black but not the thumb. Press the painted hand onto the paper pointing fingers out. Paint other hand and press it in the opposite direction overlapping palm prints. Add wiggly eyes and you have a very cute spider.

Hand and Feet Turkey: On brown paper, trace both feet. Cut the paper feet out. Glue the feet together at the heel, so that the feet fan out at the toes. This will be the body of the turkey. Cut out eyes, a beak and a wattle and glue them to the head of the turkey (the heels). Cut out two orange turkey legs and glue them to the bottom of the turkey.

Trace one hand on green, yellow, red, blue and orange paper. Cut out three orange hands and one hand from each of the other colours. Glue one orange hand on each side of the turkey for wings. Fan out the other five hands and glue them behind the turkey to form the tail.

Coffee Filter Bats: You will need a coffee filter, clothes pin, watered down paint and a pie plate. Place your filter in the pie plate. Paint the filter black, then fold in half and clothes pin the middle. Paint the pin black and once they dry you can hang them anywhere.



AUGMENTATIVE PRESCHOOL SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

This is a fun and informal class designed for families, friends, staff and professionals who want to use augmentative sign language to communicate with individuals who utilize this communication system. Participants will learn a base of preschool sign language and an understanding of how to support communication development with signs.

Classes will start Tuesday October 20th, and run for 4 consecutive Tuesdays

The classes will run from 7:00-9:00pm

Please call Teresa for details and registration at
403.215.2444 ext 205 by October 15th.

Materials Needed

The Occupational Therapists are looking for old phone books to be used to make assorted sizes of foot rests. Please give them to your Developmental Specialist to bring into the office.

Thank you!

Evenings and Weekend Respite

If you are looking for Respite for your children please contact Kim Suvanto (ext 226) or Annette Eckel (ext 225)

We will then pass on your information to interested Developmental Specialists.

If you have anything you would like to have added to this monthly newsletter please contact Annette Eckel at the office (ext 225).

Your ideas and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

Have a great month!

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