November Toddler Notes

Every November, many people wonder whether it's the right time to teach young children about gratitude. I truly believe it is! Sharing the idea of thankfulness with kids can be a wonderful experience, especially when it matches their age and understanding. Instead of asking young children what they are thankful for, it might be more meaningful to ask what makes them happy. This way, their answers will resonate more with their young minds. As adults, we often say, "I am thankful for my family" or "I am grateful I have a job to support my loved ones." These are heartfelt, caring thoughts that go beyond ourselves. For children, their responses might be simpler–like talking about their favorite toy or a fun game. While some might think this is self-centered, it's really a natural part of learning about themselves – discovering what they like, what they don't, and how they feel. Keep in mind, young children aren't quite developmentally ready to fully understand others' feelings or see how their actions can affect those around them.

Another common question is how do you teach thankfulness to toddlers? In our classroom, we will practice thankfulness by applying it to our daily activities. We will work on our please and thank yous, and we'll wear our kindness goggles to spot and celebrate acts of kindness from our little ones throughout the day. We're also thrilled to introduce new games that encourage taking turns and practicing patience.

Activities

- November Science unit: Turkeys
- November Family Project:

Hide the Turkey Due: November 13th

- Charlie Brown Thanksgiving PJ Dinner and Movie:

November 20th

Reminders

*As the weather gets cooler, we plan to spend as much time outside as possible, so please ensure your child has warm clothes for outdoor fun.
*Plese lable all your child's belonging with their first tha last name.
*Check Homeroom for activties reminders and wonderful daily pictures.