



Nov./Dec
2017

**MOTHER'S
LOVE**

Children's Chatter Newsletter

CALENDAR

Nov. 16 –
Family Thanksgiving Feasts MLT Classes 3y and younger

Nov. 17 –
Family Thanksgiving Feasts MLT 4 Y Pre-K

Nov. 17 –
Family Thanksgiving Feasts MLCC Classes 3y and younger, and Pre-K Classes

Nov. 17-
TCPS ; Pre-K dismiss at noon

Nov. 20 – 22
Pre-K, TCPS holiday **Mother's Love OPEN KIDZ KLUB Open**

Nov. 23-24
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS – CENTERS CLOSED

Dec. 15
Santa visits
Classroom parties
December 25, 26
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Centers closed

January 1 –
New Year's Holiday
Centers closed



FAMILY THANKSGIVING FEASTS

Children love having their family join them at school for celebrations. Our Centers work hard to have **Thanksgiving Family Feast**. The teachers have a truly challenging task as they coordinate family details and care for the children.

The goal of the event is to encourage family/child interaction. The teachers have been talking about turkeys, reading about Thanksgiving and enlarging the children's vocabulary with related words. Some children may remember what your family did last year; other children will not remember. As you participate in your holiday traditions, remember to take pictures and share memories.

If the school feasts are not scheduled at a time one of the parents can attend, ask another family member or a close friend to join our celebration!

New Menu

Please read our menus. You will notice that we have decreased the foods containing sugar and increased our whole grains served. We are encouraging the children to drink milk and water. We limit the juice because it has so much fruit sugar and the serving size of canned fruits. We still offer a very child friendly menu and most of our children eat a large variety of fruits and vegetables heartily!

THANKFULNESS AND GIVING

Both concepts are important as you develop the character of your child. You will note that many of the topics in our classes include being thankful for what we have and sharing what we have with others. Children begin to learn the word "share" around age 2y. It is not an easy thing to share "my" toy but gradually children learn that the friend may have a toy that he/she may wish to play with, too. When we encourage the child and set examples for the child, we see that sharing will extend into a greater understanding of others and their needs. When a child gives toys to the donation sites because another child has no toys, giving takes on a new meaning. When mom and dad give food to the needy food drive, a deeper understanding begins to grow. We all wish that instead of a "me" centered society, America would become more of a "we" centered nation. It begins with teaching our children basic values at home.

EARLY LANGUAGE and LITERACY GRANT Update

The staff involved in the ELL Grant continue to learn! Keep a watch on FACEBOOK to see some of the Conference pictures.

Soon the Toddlers will be wearing little vests that will contain recorders. The recordings will be uploaded to a computer where they will be converted to graphs and numbers. The results will help the teachers see which children they talk to the most, see how the children grow as they learn to communicate, and increase the "Turn Taking Process" with each child.

- We have learned that rather than just talking to a child, waiting for the child to respond to a communication leads to faster use of the language. WOW!
- A toddler processes information at about 20% of the rate that an adult processes information! No wonder we must repeat our words so many times before we see the light in the eyes flicker understanding!

The more we learn about how the child's brain functions and how the child's understanding grows, the more we can change our approach to encourage development in the individual child. EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT is so exciting!

PLEASE visit the READRIGHTFROMTHESTART.org site and read about how the child's brain is developing and how YOU can influence the process! Find the "SERVE and RETURN: The Secret to Strong Brain Architecture" pdf under the Resource Library Tab. See how you can increase your conversations with your child. Talk, share, answer questions, and remember that repetition is the key to a child's learning!

DONATIONS

As you clean out closets and prepare for cool weather, remember that the classroom can use many things in pretend play: children's outgrown swimsuits, beach towels, beach bags. Also in kitchen area, broken small appliances like hand mixer or toaster. Even recipe books you may discard. Pretend play is a great way to teach!

	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	SNACK
#6	November 6 - November 10		
Monday	Rice Chex, Pears, Milk	Chicken Tetrazinni, Cal. Veg. Blend, Sweet Peas, Roll, Milk	Peach Juice Blend, Graham crackers
Tuesday	Apple/Cinn. Muffins, applesauce, Milk	Turkey/Cheese Sandwich, Potato Tots, Peas/Carrots, Milk	Fruit Punch, Cheese Crackers
Wednesday	Cheerios Cereal, Bananas, Milk	Turkey and Cheese Pizza, Sweet Potatoes, Zipper Peas, Milk	Muffins with Sprinkles, Milk
Thursday	Toast/jelly, Blue Applesauce, Milk	WOW Butter sandwich/Jam, Cheese slice, Tossed salad, Buttered Broccoli, Milk	Citrus Juice Blend, Butter Crackers
Friday	Buttered grits, peaches, milk	Spaghetti/meat Sauce, Creamed corn, Green Beans, Roll, Milk	Broccoli & Carrots/ Dip, Water, Animal Crackers
#1	November 13-17		
Monday	Rice Chex Whole Grain Cereal , Peaches, Milk	Spaghetti/Meat sauce, Kohlrabi salad, Squash Cass., Whole Wheat Roll, Milk	Peach Juice, Graham Crackers
Tuesday	Blueberry muffins, Blue applesauce, Milk	Turkey/cheese sandwich, Buttered Cal. Blend, Tossed salad w/Ranch Dssg, Milk	Fruit Punch, Cheese nips
Wednesday	Whole Grain Cheerios Cereal, Bananas, Milk	Chicken/Rice, Green Lima Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Roll, Milk	Milk, Cheese biscuit
Thursday	Whole Wheat Toast/Jelly, Pears, Milk	Wow butter /Jam sandwich, Brocc./Cheese, Tossed salad/ranch dssg, Cheese Slice, Milk	Sliced Apples, Choc. Flav. Wow Butter, Water
Friday	Grits/butter, Orange applesauce, Milk	PizzaBurger (whole wheat), Creamed Corn, Green Beans, Milk	Citrus Juice, Trail Mix
#2	November 20-24		
Monday	Rice Chex Whole Grain Cereal , Pears, Milk	Chicken & Pasta, Carrots/Glazed, Green Beans, Whole Wheat Roll, Milk	Apple Juice, Cheese Crackers
Tuesday	Strawberry Muffins, Red Applesauce, Milk	Fish nuggets, Tossed salad, Black eye peas, Cornbread, Milk	Strawberry Yogurt, Graham Crackers, Water
Wednesday	Whole Grain Cheerios, Bananas, Milk	Baked chicken, Tomatoes/Rice, Field peas, Whole Wheat Roll, Milk	Veg/dip or Seasonal Fruit, Butter Crackers, Water
Thursday	Cheese Grits, Peaches, Milk	WOW Butter sandwich/Jam, Cheese slice, Tossed Salad w/Ranch Dssg, Creamed Corn, Milk	Fruit Punch 100% juice, Animal Crackers
Friday	Cinammon Toast, Green Applesauce, Milk	Nachos (beef, shred.cheese, refried beans, salsa) with corn chips, Tossed salad, Milk	Milk, Muffin with Colored Sprinkles
#3	November 27-December 1		
Monday	Rice Chex, Red Applesauce , Milk	Grilled chicken sandwich, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Milk	White Grape Juice Blend, Graham Cracker
Tuesday	Plain muffins, Applesauce, Milk	Tuna Melt on Whole Wheat, Mandarin Oranges, Tossed salad/Ranch, Milk	Citrus Juice Blend or seasonal fruit, Cheese Crackers
Wednesday	Whole Grain Cheerios, Bananas, Milk	Parmesan Chicken, Cabbage, Baked Beans, Cornbread, Milk	Apples slices, Wow butter Flav/Caramel, Water
Thursday	Cheese Toast, Pears, Milk	Hamburger/bun, Potato tots, Kohlrabi Slaw, Milk	Fruit Punch, Cheese Crackers
Friday	Cinn./Brown Sugar Oatmeal, Mandarin Oranges, Milk	Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Broccoli/Cheese, Creamed Corn, Whole Wheat Roll, Milk	Cheese Cubes, Milk
#4	December 4-8		
Monday	Whole grain Rice Chex, Diced Peaches, Milk	Tortilla Roll Ups, Tater Tots, Diced Carrots/Peas, Milk	Cherry Juice Blend, Cheese Crackers
Tuesday	Apple/Cinn. Muffins, Seasonal Fruit, Milk	Chicken/Noodle, Brocc/cheese, Sweet potato souffle, Roll, Milk	Water, Strawberry Yogurt, Graham Crackers
Wednesday	Whole Grain Cheerios Cereal, Bananas, Milk	WOW Butter Sandwich/Jam, Cheese slice, Salad/Ranch Dssg., Green Beans, Milk	Water, Saltines, Cheese Cubes
Thursday	Toast/Jelly, Pears, Milk	Turkey & Cheese Pizza, Creamed Corn, Sweet Peas, Milk	Fruit Punch, Butter Crackers
Friday	Biscuits/gravy, Blue Applesauce, Milk	Tuna Sandwich, Tossed salad/Ranch Dssg, Mixed Fruit, Milk	Milk, Graham Crackers with Wow Butter
#5	December 11-15		
Monday	Whole grain Rice Chex, Diced Peaches, Milk	BeefyMac/Cheese, Glazed Carrots, Field Peas, Whole Wheat Roll, Milk	Fruit Punch 100% Juice, Graham Crackers
Tuesday	Muffins/ sprinkles, Applesauce, Milk	Teriyaki chicken, Tomatoes/Rice, Sweet Peas, Whole Wheat Roll, Milk	Cherry Juice Blend, Cheese Crackers
Wednesday	Cheerios Cereal, Bananas, Milk	nacno w/ taco meat & cheese & refried beans & salsa with chips, Tossed salad/ranch, Mixed Fruit, Milk	Orange Slices, Butter Crackers, Water
Thursday	Whole Wheat Cinnamon Toast, Peaches, Milk	Chicken Pie/peas & carrots, Pears, Baby Limas, Roll, Milk	Strawberry Yogurt, Graham Crackers, Water
Friday	Cinnamon Applesauce, Buttered Oatmeal, Milk	Pizza Pockets, Buttered Brocc, Potato Tots, Milk	Breadstick/Cheese, Milk