

NOVEMBER

Things that we did the week of November 8

Thanksgiving was introduced this week. We talked about thankfulness, Pilgrims, Native Americans, and of course turkeys! We learned new turkey songs, played fun turkey games called "Turkey Chase" and "Farmer Find the Turkey", hunted pretend turkeys around the room, and did many turkey projects. We also made a class book sharing what we are all thankful for and a book on what we would eat if there were no turkeys! We read the story called Stone Soup. We talked about how we are going to share a meal and have a little 4K program with our families on November 24th (see Dates To Remember).

The letter **Tt** was perfect for our Thanksgiving/Turkey theme this week as well. We learned the sound and signs for **Tt**, practiced tracing/writing **Tt**, looked at Mrs. Schaefer's Secret **Tt** Box, did our **Tt** page for our alphabet book (which we'll each get to keep at the end of the school year), and brought in really neat **Tt** items for Sharing Day on Friday.

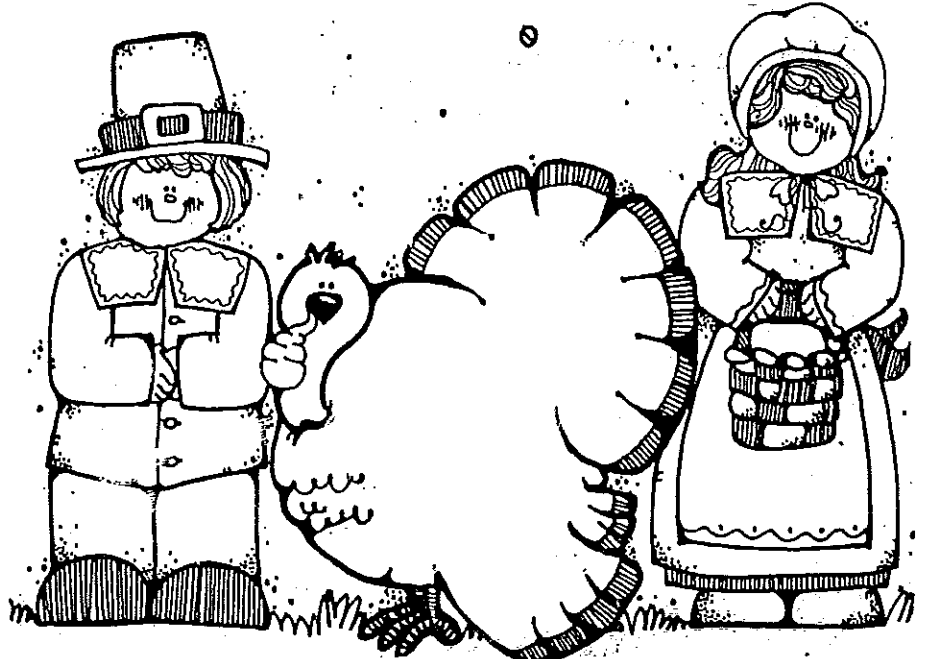
Patterning was officially introduced this week too. We did LOTS and LOTS of patterning! Mrs. Schaefer was quite impressed with how quickly we caught on. Ask me to show you at home!

OUR PROJECTS

Pipe cleaner Turkey
Handprint Turkey
Turkey Headband
Turkey popsicle stick
Sponge paint Turkey

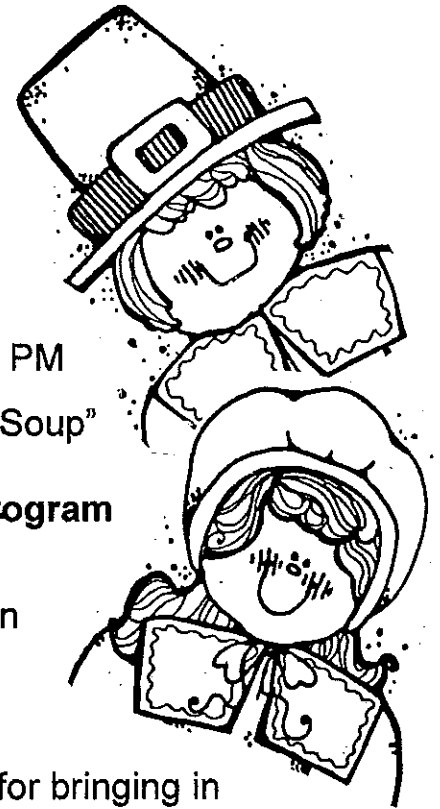
OUR BOOKS

The Story of Thanksgiving
Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving
The Silly Turkey Party
Turkeys
This is the Turkey
Clifford's Thanksgiving Visit
10 Fat Turkeys
Over The River
Stone Soup



DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 17 **Picture Retake Day**
- November 20 **S.O.S. Craft Fair** 10:00 AM – 4 :00 PM
- November 23 Please send **ingredients** for "Stone Soup"
- November 24 **4K Thanksgiving "Stone Soup"/Program**
(Family invited!) **9:30 AM**
- November 25& **NO SCHOOL** Thanksgiving Vacation
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Thanks to **Keegan** (AM class) and **Emma** (PM class) for bringing in Wednesday's Special Snack. It also happened to be **Emma's** 5th birthday!

Our parent helper this week was: **Cindy Keskimaki**. Your time, effort, and energy are truly appreciated! **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

SPECIAL NOTES

As you already know we have started to trace and attempt to write our own **first names** this month. Many of these letters we have not officially learned yet so we tell the children to do the best they can and we try our best to show each one the proper techniques: always start at the dot, always start each letter from the top, copy the exact letter you traced, etc. These three concepts alone would be greatly beneficial to the children if reinforced at home as well. Each day (if you have time) please talk about each letter in the name that was made and especially check to see if the letters were started at the top – this is an extremely hard habit to break if he/she is already used to writing letters from the bottom. Again, gentle reminders and any help at home is appreciated. **THANK YOU!!!!!!**

The **Scholastic Family Book Fair** begins next week. If you would like your 4K child to purchase a book please send the money in an envelope to school and we will help him/her choose a book. Books usually range between \$4.00 and UP

Have another fantastic fall weekend everyone!

