



Fall 2009 NEWS



Dear Parents,

As the world around us begins to settle and prepare for winter, Kids Junction has become a hive of activity. Our fall field trips have been wonderful and we look forward to November and December and all the activities that come with each month.

You will find information about Picture Day on the following pages. Please watch your child's mailbox for additional information.

An Open House is scheduled for November 3rd for parents with children ages 6 weeks thru 2 years and parent-teacher conferences will take place for 3 thru 5 years old. This is a great opportunity to chat with your child's teacher and find out about your child's social, academic and emotional development. At the conference, teachers will show you samples of your child's work, discuss their learning strengths and give you extra ideas to support your child's learning at home. If you wish to meet with your child's teacher please sign up. **Sign-up sheets will be posted on classroom doors early this month.**

Be sure to watch your child's weekly newsletter for all the exciting things happening in the next few months!

Happy Thanksgiving,
Sandra and the Kids Junction staff

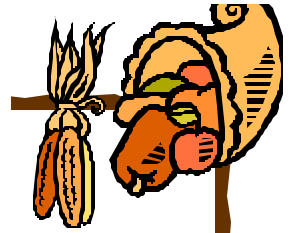
November Themes

- Week One**
November 2-6 • The Old West
- Week Two**
November 9-12 • Our Favorite Books
- Week Three**
November 16-20 • Fables
- Week Four**
November 23-27 • Thanksgiving
- Week Five**
Nov. 30-Dec.4 • Winter Fun

December Themes

- Week One**
December 7 - 11 • Christmas Joy
- Week Two**
December 14 - 18 • Christmas Joy
- Week Three**
December 21 - 25 • The Nativity
- Week Four**
Dec. 28 - Jan. 1 • Here Comes 2010

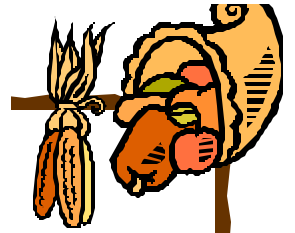
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Calendar and Special Events

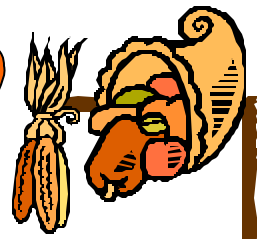
Dates	Schools Involved	EVENT
Oct 28th	VASD	Aldo Leopold-Insect Program
Oct 29th	MMSD,VASD, WM	Rocky Rococo-Pizza and a Movie
Oct 30th	MMSD,VASD, WM,SMG	Schuester's Farm-Pick a Pumpkin, Tractor ride and Corn Maze
Nov 2nd	VASD	Vitense Golf-Indoor Mini-Golf
Nov 4th	Preschool	Kids Junction Picture Day
Nov 5th		Junction Square Picture Day
Nov 9-25th	Preschool 3 thru 5 years	Parent/Teacher Conferences (sign-up by your classroom door.)
Nov 5th	SMG	Bowling-Fun at Local Bowling alley
Nov 6th	SMG	Vitense Golf-Indoor Mini-Golf
Nov 12th	MMSD	Pump It Up
Nov 13th	WM	In House Fun-Including special movie
Nov 25th	VASD, SMG Early Release	Rocky Rococo-Pizza and a Movie
NOV 26th, and 27th	KIDS JUNCTION	Closed for Holiday-Happy Thanksgiving

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Dec 9th - 11th	Kids Junction	Santa's "Scholastic" Christmas Book Fair Christmas Program 11:00am
Dec 9th	Preschool	Li'l Lambs, Sweet Peas, Pumpkin Seeds, Little Conductors, Little Engines
	Preschool	Christmas Program 4:30pm Explorers, Rangers, Artists, Rainbows
Dec 10th	Preschool	Christmas Program 11:00am Blue Stars, Red Stars, Bears and Eagles
	Preschool	Christmas Program 4:30pm Islanders, Navigators, Scientists, Adventurers
Dec. 17th	Preschool	Class Christmas Parties
Dec 21st	MMSD, SMG, WM	Kohl Center & Rocky's-Tour the Kohl Center and Lunch at Rocky Rococo for pizza and a movie
DEC 22nd	MMSD,SMG, WM	To Be Determined
Dec 23rd	MMSD, SMG, WM, VASD Early Release	Movie-Marcus Theatre or In House
December 24th, 25th and 28th	KIDS JUNCTION	Closed for Holiday-Merry Christmas
Dec 29th	All Schools	Chuck-E-Cheese-Pizza, Games and Fun
Dec 30th	All Schools	Ultra Zone-Laser Tag
Dec 31st	All Schools	CrawDaddy Cove-Indoor Swimming
Jan 1st	KIDS JUNCTION	Closed for Holiday-Happy New Year
Jan 15th	Preschool	Closed for Staff In-Service and Training Day
Jan 18th	KIDS JUNCTION	Closed for Holiday-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Arts and Crafts



Instructions:

- Cut a large "doughnut" out of colored paper
- Trace your child's hands and cut them out
- Glue the hands onto the "doughnut"
- Add further decoration by cutting out leaf shapes and adding them to the wreath
- You could add further detail by collecting leaves and nuts from your garden and gluing them on.
- Make a hanging loop with ribbon

Materials

- Colored paper (red, yellow, brown etc.)
- Ribbon
- Glue
- Scissors
- Leaves and nuts from the garden (optional)

Hang the wreath on your front door, your child's bedroom door or perhaps your refrigerator.

You could also adapt this activity for Christmas and Spring projects.

Kids in the Kitchen



Pumpkin Pancakes

Ingredients

- 1 cups flour
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 3/4 cups low fat milk
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil



1. Combine flour, brown sugar, baking powder, pumpkin pie spice and salt in a large mixing bowl.

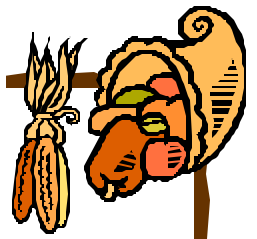
2. In a medium bowl, combine egg, canned pumpkin, milk and vegetable oil, mixing well.

3. Add wet ingredients to flour mixture, stirring just until moist. Batter may be lumpy. (For thinner batter, add more milk).

4. Lightly coat a griddle or skillet with cooking spray and heat on medium.

5. Using a 1/4-cup measure, pour batter onto hot griddle. Cook until bubbles begin to burst, then flip pancakes and cook until golden brown, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 minutes. Repeat with remaining batter.

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Notes and Messages



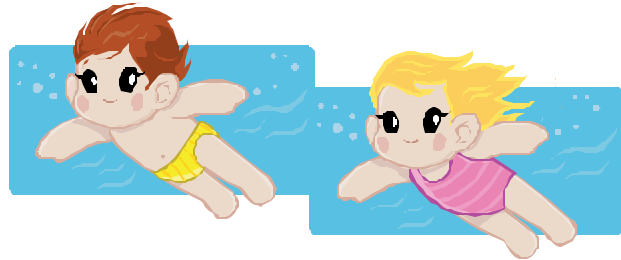
PICTURE DAY:

November 4th Kids Junction Picture Day
November 5th Junction Square Picture Day.

Please watch your child's folder for more information.

Swimming Lessons at Swim West

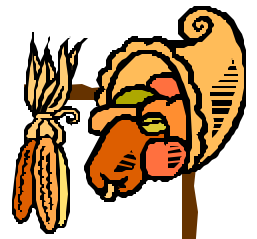
Next session for swim lessons will be from
January 12th - March 20th for \$90.00
Sign-Up sheets will come out mid December.



Winter Clothing



Please make sure that all items of clothing, including hats, mittens and gloves are clearly labeled. This is also a great time to check your child's cubby box to make sure that there is plenty of extra clothing that is appropriate for the change of season.



Character Corner

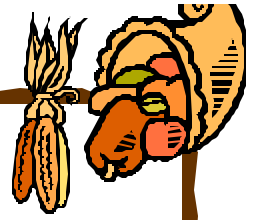
November

Character	Description	I will....
Porcupine	Gratefulness Letting others know by my words and actions how they have benefited my life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show my parents and teacher that I appreciate them • Write thank you notes • Be creative with what I have
Koala	Thriftiness Allowing myself and others to only spend what is necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save more than I spend • Make good use of what I already have • Look for the best value • Budget my time, money and energy
Bighorn Sheep	Hospitality Cheerfully sharing food, shelter and friendship with others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome visitors • Make others feel important • Gladly share my things • Not expect anything in return

December

Character	Description	I will...
Monarch Butterfly	Patience Accepting a difficult situation without giving a deadline to remove it.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep trying until I succeed • Make the most of my time • Not interrupt • Not complain if I don't get my way
Horseshoe Rabbit	Sensitivity Using my senses to perceive the true attitudes and emotions of others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to others fully • Watch facial expressions • Show that I care • Put myself in other's shoes
Pelican	Generosity Realizing that I am a trustee of all I have and using everything for the best purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share what I have with others • Give of my time and talents • Praise the good I see in others • Not expect anything in return for my generosity

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Thriftiness

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