



The Penguin Monthly Newsletter

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What a great way to start off the month of November with this monthly newsletter to our Penguin families. Through this monthly newsletter, we will be highlighting the upcoming themes and activities for our little Penguins. We will be having an exciting and adventurous month through these themes:

Themes of the Month:

1. The Farm
2. Transportation
3. My Community
4. Turkeys
5. Weather

Books:

- Touch and Feel Farm by DK Publishing Inc
- Machines at Work by Byron Barton
- My Town by Usborne Publishing
- Five Silly Turkeys by Salina Yoon
- Little Cloud by Robert Tallon

The Farm

Last week the Penguins enjoyed The Farm, our first theme of the month. We learned about all the things that we see and hear on the farm.

We sang to one of our favorite songs, "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" and imitated all of the animal sounds. We looked at books that had feely patches and explored the various textures.



We also read about all of the different animals we see at the farm and the role of a farmer.

The infants also enjoyed "Applesauce Tasting." The Infants loved the way it tasted! This activity increased their fine motor skills, sense of taste and touch.

Transportation

The Infants will be learning ways to get around with our theme of "Transportation." The Penguins will be collecting all of our colorful toy cars and practice rolling them on the floor to each other. The Infants also will be discussing the noises that a car makes such as "vroom!" and "beep, beep!"

They will be playing with the big trucks that have lights and make noises.

Also, they will be talking about some army jeeps and airplanes.

The activity we will participate is called "Sink or Float" where we will

be placing toys in a large bucket of water and talk about whether they will sink to the bottom or float on top. They will also have a boat to put in the water too. The Penguins will enjoy splashing in the water!



My Community

The Penguins will be learning all about some of the things we see everyday in our Community. We will be talking about the things we see like the policemen that keep us safe and the postal workers that bring mail to our houses.

To help build their vocabulary and speech, we will be reading a book called My Town that has pictures of places that people visit like the post office, the park, and the library.

They will be playing a game called "Soccer Practice." Kicking the balls will be so much fun! This activity will help strengthen their gross motor skills.

Parent Reminders

Please make sure that you label your child's bottles with FIRST and LAST name and date. This is a licensing requirement.

THANKS!

Do you need Helping Hands Points? We need two (2) bottle warmers.

Please remember to sign your child IN and OUT a sign in the sheet on the door.

THANK YOU!

The Center will be **CLOSED on November 24-25, 2011**

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Imagination Learning Center

Turkeys

The Penguins are looking forward to "Turkey Day" this month and they will be preparing for the special day by talking about their fine feather friend, the turkey!

We will be singing "Five Little Turkeys", which is a that song has a fun rhyme and we will engage in a finger play while singing.

We will be motivating their hand-eye coordination by playing a game called "Feeling Feathers" where we will be exploring and feel soft and smooth textures with their hands. Another game will be "Baby's Cupboard." The Penguins will be walking and crawling, trying to go in the box. This exercise is a great gross motor tool because it strengthens their muscles.



Weather

We will be talking about the "Weather" and learning new vocabulary words that relate to the weather. We will even be associating and recognizing pictures with new words.

We will be playing a game called "Crawling on Snow." The Infants will grasp white paper and try to imitate snow while putting it on the floor. We will be exploring a new texture while practicing crawling on the paper.

To strengthen our gross motor skills, we will be playing a game called "Catch a Raindrop," where We will be practicing catching bubbles. Also we will be playing "Follow the Light." We will have fun holding and pointing to the ceiling when we turn off all the lights! Even the youngest babies can track the light and movements with their eyes. This game will be exploring cause and effect. We will be strengthening our sense of sight by using a flashlight, and we will be calling each Penguin by their name.



Art Project: The penguins will be doing messy art this month! They will be having a great time making turkeys with their hands and paint.

The Penguins are Really Growing!



Harlee is rolling over and moving in circles.



Caden turns from his tummy! He is practicing sitting up with pillows!



Sophia is crawling forward and likes to pull herself into a standing position!



Joshua loves to interact with his friends!



Nicholas enjoys playing with Olive and Alicia! Also, his birthday will be on Wednesday, November 29!



Alicia is taking few steps! She will be having her 1st birthday on Wednesday, November 16!



Caleb enjoys sitting in the bumbo chair and playing with the mobile toy!



We would like to say "bye-bye" to **Olive** who is moving to Toddler room! We will miss her in our room! Olive had her 1st birthday on Saturday, November 5th.