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# DURANT ROAD PRESCHOOL

November 2017

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Nicholas and Bryn making a Dachshund using 3D art supplies

### ***Preschool Investigative Study: Dogs***

Our children are enjoying our investigative study on dogs. It is fun to have dog visitors at our school and the different people that work with dogs. We've learned a lot about dogs. The most popular dog seems to be a Labrador. They are great friends for humans, are reliable workers, have superior hearing and a remarkable sense of smell.

During November, we'll be investigating how dogs communicate and learning about dog safety. We'll meet some important people who work with dogs and learn how we can help dogs in need.

We'll be answering some interesting questions like; do dogs have a preference when eating from different colored bowls? Do dogs favor their left or right paws? Do dogs take on characteristics of their owners? What kinds of things can you teach dog?

We'll make a graph of what pets our children have, sort dog biscuits by color and size, build a dog park, and make a paper mache dog from recycled materials. We'll say good bye to our dog study at the end of the month. Hope you are enjoying it as much as we are!



### **Mark Your Calendars**

- 2 Veterinarian Visit
- 6 Canned Food Drive Begins
- 9 Wear Autumn Colors
- 13 Museum Visit – Terrific Turtles
- 16 Thanksgiving Lunch – all classes
- 17 Spanish Class with Ms Mariela
- 21 Toddler Gobbler Walk
- 22 Thanksgiving Stories in the Library
- 23 & 24 Thanksgiving – Preschool Closed
- 28 Squirrel & Acorn Hunt – older classes
- 30 Holiday Quilt Begins – all classes

### ***Fitness Fridays***

- 3 Up & Away
- 10 Jumping Rope
- 17 Jumping the River
- 24 Punting

### ***Our Specials***

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Math Lesson	Computer Class Literacy Lesson	Music Class Tumble Bus	Spanish Class Soccer Shots	Math Lesson

### **Thanksgiving Lunch**

The children will enjoy a Thanksgiving Lunch prepared by Doris, our cook. They will have turkey, potatoes & gravy and stuffing. A signup sheet will be in your child's classroom for pie donations!



Sammy and Ryder exploring different textures by coloring on cardboard

### ***Infants and Toddlers***

#### **Putting Quality Into Action: Routines Day By Day For Infants and Toddlers**

The best thing about routines, as seen through the eyes of infants and toddlers, is that they happen day after day. They are predictable, enabling children to learn what to expect.

As children participate in daily routines, they learn to think, collect new information about their world, and develop skills. Routines like *hellos and good-byes, diapering and toileting, eating and mealtimes, and sleeping and naptime*, offer opportunities to shape children's learning. A lot of learning takes place during routines.

*But, they are on the move!* During November, we will continue our fall activities. We'll explore different textures in our sensory tables like acorns, straw, and shredded paper. We'll dabble in art as we finger paint and experiment with crayons on different surfaces like cookie sheets, tile, and cardboard. Watch out for butcher paper scribble on table tops, digging for farm animals in straw, texture bags, texture boards, and a texture walk.

### **Canned Food Drive**

Please look outside your child's classroom door for a donation box. All collected food

will be donated to a hurricane relief agency and Back Pack Buddies of Wake Co.

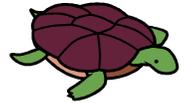
### **Book Of The Month**

This month our preschool children will read, *A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars* by Seth Fishman. "Did you know that the earth is covered in three trillion trees? And that seven billion people weigh about the same as ten quadrillion ants? Our world is full of constantly changing numbers, from a hundred billion trillion stars in space to thirty-seven billion rabbits on Earth. Can you imagine that any of anything? A hundred billion trillion stars and the smallest one unique and special YOU!"



### **Museum of Natural Science**

This month the museum presents, **Terrific Turtles**. Turtles not only live a long time, they have some awesome armor to protect themselves. We will compare a variety of live turtles and talk about their different lifestyles and characteristics.



### **Children's Birthdays**

Graham Destinee Samantha  
Allison Anna Logan Thomas



### **Spanish Class**

Hola, hola a ti! This month, we will be learning the months of the year – meses del año as well as Thanksgiving – Día de Acción de gracias words



### **Music Class**

*"We're musical movers!"*

Our children will use gross-motor skills, their sense of hearing, and wrist bells as they combine movement and music to express themselves creatively.

