

Brush Creek News

November, 2018

Closing dates in Nov

- Nov. 12 Veteran's Day
- Nov. 21, 22, 23
Thanksgiving break

Big thanks to the Handy Helper crew and the Gardening Group. Both groups have completed a number of tasks around the school and we love the results. A little help goes a long, long way!
If you'd like to join either group, it's not too late....the parent participation form listed all different ways you can help.

Things we could use in November:

If you have any of these around the house and you can share, thanks!

- *Fall stickers
- *potpourri
- *spices (ones that are outdated are great!) In particular we can use nutmeg, cinnamon, allspice, cloves... Or, the Dollar Store has these cheap (yes, \$1)

Note from Julie

We cannot believe we are starting our third month of school. Time flies when you are having fun.

November is a month with a few holidays in it. I love this time of year and Thanksgiving is actually one of my favorite holidays. The reason being is, it's all about FAMILY. It's a great time to look inward at all that we have, the love we share and the joy of raising little ones and sharing traditions with them.

For the first time ever my husband and I will be travelling and we will miss our Thanksgiving feast with the family. My wish for you is that you be surrounded with loved ones, sharing good food, laughter, stories and the building or keeping of traditions. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

RAINY DAYS ARE HERE

Fall of course brings wet weather and cold spurts. Staff members have been talking about rainy day activities and preparing ourselves for more time inside.

One of the things we'd like to let the children do on a rainy day (unless it's very

cold) is to go outside and stomp in a puddle or two. Please help us out by sending your kids in rain boots and rain slickers on those rainy days. **Those that are equipped** may go out with a teacher for a few minutes of fresh air and puddle

stomping!!
Please also take the time to label your child's jackets with their name. With the weather changes often jackets are left in the play yard. This helps us return them to the right owner!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thank you to outgoing Board members Linda Osendorf, Jenni Etimos, Abby Mooney, Lauren Chamberlain and Selina Slater. We appreciate your service to the school.

We have newly elected Carly Scalercio, Megan Nunez, and Hilary Gill. We welcome them and are happy they chose to serve this upcoming term.



Nancy

Profiled Staff Member for November

This month's profiled staff member is Nancy Libby.

Nancy has been at Brush Creek for **35 years!!**

Nancy has obviously dedicated much of her life to educating young children. In her personal life she is married and has a daughter, Jordan.

You can read more about her in the front bulletin board case. As profiled staff employee, Nancy will receive a gift card to Montgomery Village.

Congratulations and thank you Nancy!!

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

We want to thank everyone who has done so much this past month. We have lunch help, meeting help, take home project helpers, yard help, facility clean up and repair help. Thanks for those who donated things for our Farmer's Market and thanks for the feeling of support you've given us!

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

November is a time for us to talk about family and friends. We will introduce the five senses (do you remember them? Smell, touch, taste, sight, hearing). We will be bringing home some turkey art, we will be having a feast day and you will smell the traditional holiday smells of cinnamon, nutmeg and pumpkin pie spice.

In our after care program, we've got a lot happening as always. Check the sign up board, and grab up some extra hours so you can shop or wrap gifts?

November 6 will be Board game day and November 14th will be Marble Madness! Join us!

FIVE SENSES ACTIVITIES

*Make a batch of playdough or gunk (ask us for the recipe). For extra sensory fun, put some scent in the playdough!

*find small containers that you can't see into (with lids). Make two each with gravel, small bells, rice). See if your child can match them up just by listening.

*gather a variety of items for your child to taste that represent sweet, sour, salty, etc. then talk about what is liked and what isn't liked and why.

*Go on a listening walk...no talking allowed. Just absorb the sounds around you, then come back and sit down. Have your child describe the sounds they heard.

* make a list around the house of things that have different textures to touch...the dog or cat, the bark of a tree, the grass, the hood of the car...talk about different descriptive words such as soft, hard, bumpy, silky, etc.

SLOWER ON THE DRIVEWAY

Yeah! Thank you everyone for listening to our plea for slowing down on the driveway and not parking on the neighbors property. Things are better this year.

Remember, as the rains start that the dirt areas (down the driveway and on the edge of the lawn) are NOT okay to park on...cars have been stuck in these places and needed a tow truck on occasion to get out. Plus, sprinkler heads are located on the edges of the lawn. Circle around if you need to, or part behind the staff cars along the creek side.

ALSO...remember to use the gravel pathway when walking from your car to the front door. Safety first!



Check out our pages on **Facebook!** We post school happenings and pictures here and we'd love you to join us!

Brush Creek Nursery School AND Brush Creek Nursery School Alumni/Supporters.

Also, our website is currently under construction and revision. We'll let you know when it's ready for launch!

