



Harvest Greetings!

Our Halloween Parties & Parades were so much fun! We picked pumpkins from our own Pumpkin Patch and carved Jack 'O Lanterns in each classroom. We got to dress up & pretend to be someone or something else ~ just for a moment in time...

Now as we enjoy the bounty that is November, we are starting to think of pies, cakes, rolls, & breads from pumpkins, apples & pears. Soon the scents of cinnamon, nutmeg, & allspice will be wafting through our preschool as the children measure, mix, pour, then finally taste their creations!

Turkeys, cornucopias, Indians & Pilgrims will fill our classrooms as the children learn about Harvest Season, Thanksgiving, the Mayflower, sharing, feasting, & gratitude.

So, with a grateful heart, on behalf of our wonderful staff & myself, I would like to thank all our preschool families for sharing your precious children, your time & your talents with us and wish you & your family a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with lots of good food & happy memories!

God's blessings to you & your family,

Karen Wilson



### APPLES! APPLES! APPLES!

We are all about apples this month! We will be tasting, cooking with, reading about and painting with all kinds of apples. If you have an apple tree or would like to donate apples, we welcome all colors and sizes!

### Thanksgiving

*I'm thankful for the muddy floor that greets me every day;  
I'm thankful for the dirty socks that on the floor do lay.  
I'm thankful for the fingerprints that deck both chair and wall;  
I'm thankful for the daily dust that on the desk doth fall.  
I'm thankful for my kitchen sink that hides the dirty dish;  
I'm thankful for the splattered wall from when I fried the fish.  
I'm thankful for the Cheerios, playdoh and other yuck,  
And all the stones and crayons that plug my vacuum up.  
I'm thankful for the toothpaste smeared on the bathroom door;  
I'm thankful for the wad of gum stuck to the kitchen floor.  
I'm thankful for the scattered toys that often pierce my feet  
When I must run to get the phone before I have time to sweep.  
I'm thankful for the mending that I love so much to do,  
That I hide it in the corner and buy them something new.  
I'm thankful for the unmade beds that mean I'm not alone;  
I'm thankful for so many things that make a house a home.*

Michele T. Huey

We will be closed Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> in Observance of Veteran's Day, and we will be closed for the entire week of November 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving break.



Please make sure your child comes to school in shoes that are safe & comfortable for running, climbing & jumping at school. Shoes with good tread on the bottom that come around the back of the foot are best, as they will not slip on the grass or come off if they are running. We encourage lots of active play outside and we want to make sure your child is as safe as possible.





A special thanks to all who helped with our Halloween Festivities! To our families who provided the snacks, goodies, and favors for our parties. We had great fun!  
**A HUGE thanks to all the families that supported us in our two fundraisers, the T-shirt fundraiser and the Kids R First fundraiser.**

Thank You to the following families for their donations:  
**Amelie's parents (PP)** for the Pumpkins; **Sonora & Bea's parents (BB)** for boxes of granola bars; **Edison's parents (BB)** for Kleenex & Clorox Wipes; **Michael's parents (BB)** for Kleenex, Clorox Wipes & Mickey Mouse Goldfish; **Harper's mom (CK)** for a box of school supplies; **Jase's mom (CK)** for cups & glue; **Piper's mom (CK)** for Band-Aids, Kleenex & Clorox Wipes; **Isla's mom (CK)** for Glue; **Violet's mom (CK)** for paper; **Garett's mom (CK)** for Craft sticks, books, Halloween Pretzels and kitty pictures.

**We are so grateful for any and all donations of snacks and supplies to help support our school!**



Dear parents,

**With the weather getting cooler, if possible, please put a parka or sweater in your child's backpack so they will have it if they get chilly.**

**PEANUT FREE & TREE NUT FREE CANDY**

We have put together a list of candy for those times when you would like to include something sweet for everyone in a goody bag, take home treat, or birthday party. **Twizzlers, Skittles, Mike & Ike's, Jelly Beans, Junior Mints, Pez, Tootsie Rolls, Caramel Apple Pops (made by Tootsie Co. ), Life Savors, Starbursts, Smarties, Sweet Tarts, Dum Dum Suckers, Dots, & Ring Pops.**



- 1 See's Fundraiser Begins
- 2 & 3 Picture Days- Smile ☺ Siblings 8am-9am
- 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11 **Veteran's Day Observed- Preschool Closed**
- 14/15 Christmas Songs handouts/ See's Fundraiser Ends
- 17 & 18 Feast Days
- 21-25 **Thanksgiving Holiday-Preschool Closed**
- 24 Happy Thanksgiving!!
- 28 & 29 Sanctuary Visit



**Happy November Birthdays to...**



Little Rascal		
Aiden Scheller	11/2	
Cute Kittens		
Mila Enriquez	11/4	
Sophia Sanchez	11/10	
Garett McCorkle	11/23	
Playful Pups		
Bronson Baltierra	11/2	
Lucky Ladybugs		
Adam Tims	11/28	



**Welcome Baby Liana**

A BIG congratulations to our **Brave Bear** Everlee Nunez who is now a big sister to Liana Nunez- Born Monday 10/17 at 6lbs, 14oz, 19.5 in. Happy to report Mom and baby are happy and healthy!

**Hats off to our Outside/Assistant Teachers...**

**Mrs. Nancy Vaughan** has lived in Riverside since she was 5. She graduated from North High School, San Diego State University & earned her Master of Science Degree from Cal State San Bernardino in Educational Counseling. She has been married to her husband Jim since 1997 who is Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at Poly High. They have 3 children whom Nancy feels are all growing too fast: DJ, a graduate from UC Irvine, Kati, a graduate from UC Santa Barbara & Jerry, a senior at Poly High School. They also recently added Puppy Sir Duke Vaughan to the family!  
 Nancy has worked in daycare, as a counselor in a Provisional Accelerated Learning Center in San Bernardino & a private High School in Running Springs. All of her 3 children attended preschool which she feels prepared them socially & academically for Kindergarten. Because she does relate well with this age group, has a great sense of humor, lots of energy & enjoys being part of their learning experience, she completes her goal everyday 100%, by making our playground a fun, safe & loving environment for all preschoolers! Mrs. Nancy Vaughan keeps our playground activities exciting & challenging, not to mention creative & organized.

**Mrs. Laura Robinson** has lived in Riverside most of her life. She has been happily married for over 16 years to Joaquin, a Math and Science teacher at a local Middle School. They have a son and daughter and a puppy. Laura is an active member at her Church, she loves to cook, read and camp with her family.  
 Laura found her true calling when she became a preschool teacher. She believes in play based learning that allows children to explore, socialize, and grow. She believes that art and music are a key component to the learning process. She has seen through experience that through play, fine and gross motor skills are developed, critical thinking occurs, and scaffold learning emerges. Laura believes through play we see our children grow and learn. She loves to see the magical sparkle in a child's eyes as they conquer a new feat. She creates a safe and loving environment for all students. Laura encourages cultural understanding and acceptance.