

Little Folks News – November 2011

**Fall** is definitely here at **Little Folks**. Classrooms are carving pumpkins and toasting the seeds. Teachers are taking advantage of the changing fall leaves to teach sorting and colors. In the **4's & 5's**, the children collected leaves and the teachers made a bar graph using leaf shaped punched paper. The favorite leaf color was orange. Red and yellow tied for second. The **2's & 3's** classroom made applesauce and the **1's & 2's** made an apple pie. I'm not sure which was more popular, the eating of the end product or the playing with long tendrils of apple peels.

Planning towards **Thanksgiving**, several of the classes are going to "**Feed the Turkey**". As stewards of God's bounty, we want to help the children become aware of the abundance of that food that they have in their own homes, and appreciate God's blessings. We also want them to begin recognizing that everyone isn't as fortunate as they, *but, even as children, they can help*. This month, as each class enjoys the crafts and activities associated with planning their own class-wide Thanksgiving dinner, the children will also be collecting canned goods to donate to **United Ministries**. As donations are brought in each day, the children will drop them in a large box decorated with a construction paper turkey head and paper feather fantail. Thus the term, "**Feed the Turkey**". As the box turkey grows each day, the children will have a concrete example of the amount of food that they will be giving to families in need. The food will be delivered to **United Ministries** before we close for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Little Folks will be **CLOSED November 23-25**.

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