





## Linda's Creative Corner

We began working with scissors this month as we snipped pieces of construction paper to make 'leaves' for our fall trees. We then used glue sticks independently to glue them on our trees. Finishing up our work with fall leaves, we also did some crayon leaf rubbings. Our favorite story stretcher of the month seemed to be Harold and the Purple Crayon. The children did an amazing job of recalling and drawing some of things Harold drew with his crayon in the story.

For some Thanksgiving fun we painted corn on the cob and rolled them around to make our corn paintings! Finally we got ready for the Thanksgiving feast by making placemats on which the children drew pictures of what they were thankful for. For our feast day at school we will be learning how to make our own butter.



Circle time!(Linda's circle time for three year olds)

We have spent November discussing Thanksgiving and all of the things we have to be thankful for. We also learned a little about the Pilgrims and the Indians and the first thanksgiving. We worked on the colors of brown and purple. We are working on singing the correct words to our songs and fingerplays, and following directions during our games and songs. We are also working on story comprehension which is increasing nicely in everyone.

Fingerplays we have learned:

#### Five Fat Turkeys

Five fat turkeys are we  
We spent all night in the tree  
When the cook came around  
We couldn't be found  
That's why we're here you see!

#### Ten Little Indians

One little, two little, three little Indians  
Four little, five little, six little Indians  
Seven little, eight little, nine little Indians  
Ten little Indian boys and girls

They jumped in the boat but the boat tipped over (3X)  
Ten little Indian boys and girls

So they ran home to tell their mother (3X)  
Ten little Indian boys and girls

She kissed them, and hugged them, and put them to bed (3X)  
Ten little Indian boys and girls



### Miss Nancy's Notebook

“*Come Ye Thankful People Come*”. As we prepare for Thanksgiving and the feast, the children and I have been discussing how the Pilgrims came to Plymouth, MA, on the ship called the Mayflower and the reason they left England. We have also shared what they might eat on Thanksgiving Day and that the Indians showed the Pilgrims how to hunt, fish and plant seeds to harvest.

The children made a small ship by rolling play dough into a ball and placing this in a nut shell. They then put the sail in their Mayflower so they could sail to their new land.

I have explained that the Pilgrims were thankful for the many blessings from God and that we too should pray and be thankful for our homes, our families and for the food that God has provided; just like we say a prayer before having our snack.

**THANK YOU** for the children and parents who have brought a snack to share.

**Blessings for a wonderful Thanksgiving!**





## TEAM GREEN NEWS

The Green Room has spent the last few weeks learning about food! We got out the farm and restaurant prop boxes and had lots of fun with them. We also spent some time identifying healthy fruits and vegetables plus we learned about the Food Guide Pyramid. So, with all the focus on food, we are definitely ready for our end of the month Pilgrim Feast. We are popping some popcorn, so it should be fun and tasty! Happy Thanksgiving!

Miss Karen





### Miss Debby's Science and Social Studies

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday where we remember the fragile beginnings of our great nation and the gathering of family and friends to give thanks for all of our blessings. We talked about the Pilgrims getting on the Mayflower for their long journey across the ocean to seek religious freedom, only to struggle in a cold and foreign land. Native Americans soon came their aid and helped them through the first Winter by sharing their knowledge of fishing, planting and hunting as well as sharing their food.





## Miss Beth's Circle Time for Four Year Olds!

This month we have been focusing on the Pilgrims with stories and fun songs. The children have learned how long it took the Pilgrims to sail to Massachusetts (66 days), what the Native Americans taught them (how to hunt and plant corn), and how important it is to give thanks. I hope Phil will make a Pilgrim CD for each of you at the end of the year to couple with the Powwow CD in last year's children's book. Make sure you play it – it will give you 15 minutes of free time to make Thanksgiving Dinner while your child sings!

### Six Little Pilgrims

There were six little Pilgrims on Thanksgiving Day  
And this is exactly what I heard them say:

The first Pilgrim said, "I'd like a turkey leg."

The second Pilgrim said, "I'd like a boiled egg."

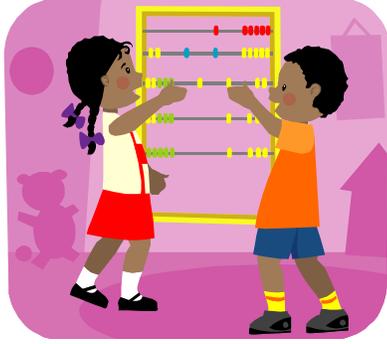
The third Pilgrim said, "I'd like some green peas."

The fourth Pilgrim said, "I'd like cranberries, please."

The fifth Pilgrim said, "I'd like some pumpkin pie."

The sixth Pilgrim said, "I'd like cake by and by."

There were six little pilgrims on Thanksgiving Day  
And that is exactly what I heard them say!



## Mathematical Marvels

Most of our time during this rotation was spent working on our costumes (patterning), ships (using rulers and straight-edges), sails on poles (large and small) and aprons (printing).

We also participated with a RECORD book (yes, I still have my son, Brian's, records – do any of you remember them????) about counting Indians.

My highlight of the Thanksgiving season is always cooking with the children. We made Indian fry bread by reading the recipe, following the directions, kneading the dough, and turning the flat bread with tongs. The children learned to use 1 cup,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup measuring cups to measure the flour, powdered milk, and hot water. We mixed cinnamon and sugar to sprinkle on top. It's always a delicious mess!