

# November



## MORRILTON

### CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS



NOVEMBER, 2009

### CUDDLY & BEES

November is here. The leaves are falling and trees are changing colors. The Cuddly room and Busy Bees have many activities planned for the month of November. Week 1 we will be talking about Nursery Rhymes. Week 2 we will be talking about families. **Parents if you could please send snapshots of your children and their families.** Week 3 we will be talking about Thanksgiving food. Last but not least, on week 3 we will be discussing turkeys for the week of Thanksgiving. Remember we will be closed November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday. We would like to welcome Madison and Thomas to Cuddly room and say good bye to Tiffanie. The Busy Bees would like to say goodbye to Aiden and Cody and welcome Tiffanie. The children are progressing well and completing their goals and objectives. Please remember to send jackets, shoes, and socks everyday. Happy Holidays.

### RAMBLIN' & RAINBOW

Happy November! It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is almost here. The countdown to Christmas begins. This month the Rainbow Room and Ramblin' Kids are getting used to some big changes. We've got some new teachers and some new friends. In the Ramblin' Kids, Ms. Laura McNabb and Ms. Cynthia Moore are working hard rearranging and teaching new skills. We're very glad to welcome Cody and Aiden to our class. The Rainbow Room has three great teachers. Ms. Janie Clemons, Ms. Jamie Collins, and Ms. Suzanne Newsome are teaching new concepts to the kids in their room. New friends are Xavier, Rilyn, Joshua, and Mauresha. We are learning to recognize our names and getting used to a consistent schedule.

November is going to be full of lots of fun and exciting things to do. We are going to be talking about Forest animals: rabbits, raccoons, squirrels, deer, and owls; Thanksgiving, food, turkeys, and Native Americans. We are looking forward to learning new songs and doing lots of art projects.

### GROWING & SUNSHINE

With all the beautiful leaves starting to show we will be reviewing our fall colors: red, orange, yellow, and brown. November is a wonderful time to talk about families, what makes a family and how glad we are that we have them. We will be learning about turkeys, what they look like, where they live what they eat and why we eat them at Thanksgiving. The children will be able to name the body parts of a turkey and learn some new games like the Turkey Trot. We'll learn about the Pilgrims and how they got here and make our own Mayflower. Friends are important too, and we'll learn how the Indians helped the Pilgrims and shared their food. We'll read and talk about what makes a good friend. I hope every one has a great Thanks giving and remember we will be closed November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The growing room wants to welcome are new friend Garrett. We're so glad he's joined our class.

**We are very proud of the experienced staff at KIDS FIRST-Morrilton. Celebrating anniversaries of employment in November are:**

Lisa Otts, Social Services Rep. 8 years  
Crystal Hale, Child Care Tech. 5 years  
Cynthia Moore Child Care Tech. 5 years  
Lana Davis Early Childhood Spec. 5 years

### STAFF HIGHLIGHT

#### LAURA McNABB

Laura McNabb joined the KIDS FIRST staff six months ago. Laura graduated last December from UACCM with an associates degree in Early Childhood.

Laura lives in Center Ridge with her husband, Jason, and her two boys, Landon age 4 and Lason age 1. In Laura's spare time she enjoys riding horses and four wheelers. She is an asset to the clinic and we are glad to have her here. She currently is working in Room 5. She has also worked in the baby room. Everyone

### STAFF BIRTHDAYS

ZANDY 11/4

SHAWN 11/14

CYNTHIA 11/25

BRENDA W. 11/26

### BIRTHDAY WISHES

Tyler 11/2  
Aiden 11/12  
Justin 11/15  
Hunter C. 11/25

Peek-a-boo is a perfect game for your baby under six months because he hasn't yet mastered the idea that things out of his line of vision do not cease to exist. Start by simply hiding your face behind your hands; then progress to using a blanket. As your baby gets older, hide behind a door or chair instead.



### What is Project Nurture?

Project Nurture is KIDS FIRST's Infant Mental Health Program. Our goal is to promote the social and emotional well-being of KIDS FIRST infants, toddlers, and families through secure and nurturing



**Stop by and preview  
your child's portrait  
on November 11th  
from 2 to 4**

### ATTENTION PARENTS!!

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU AT KIDS FIRST.

LINDA MARTIN, WILL PRESENT A TRAINING ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH  
12 NOON TO 1:00 O'CLOCK

AT THE KIDS FIRST CLINIC HERE IN MORRILTON

THE TOPIC OF THE TRAINING WILL BE "PATTERNS OF DEVELOPMENT"

A SACK LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED TO THOSE WHO SIGN UP!

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!!!

### THANKFULNESS

"Thank you for picking up your toys." "Thank you for sharing." Did you realize that your frequent expressions of gratitude to your child not only model good manners for him/her but also foster thankfulness? If your child is three or four years old, you have another thing to be grateful for; it's the perfect time to develop this virtue. A preschooler's ability to reason is expanding, so he/she is better able to understand right and wrong. Other people's feelings are becoming important to your child as well. And three- and four-year-olds have the desire to please their parents and caregivers. With these developments in mind, use these tips to foster thankfulness in your child. Talk to your child about things that you and he/she are happy to have. Teach your child to say thank you in appropriate situations. Explain why it's important to say thank you - emphasizing the consideration of other people's feelings. Continue to model gratitude in your own words and

**May your stuffing be tasty  
May your turkey plump,  
May your potatoes and gravy  
Have nary a lump.  
May your yams be delicious  
And your pies take the prize,  
And may your Thanksgiving dinner  
Stay off your thighs!**

