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KIDS FIRST SAFETY WEEK

KIDS FIRST Fort Smith celebrated "Safety Week" during the week leading up to Halloween. The Fort Smith Fire Department came and spoke to the children about fire safety and brought their pumper truck for the kids to climb and explore. The Fort Smith Police Department came by with a squad car to explore and talked to the children about trick or treat safety. We also had visitors who spoke about car seat safety. The chil-

dren had a great time and learn a lot as well.



(Above: Eeyore's explore the fire truck)



(The Piglets pose with the police)

As the weather gets cooler, please remember to send a jacket for your child when they are on the playground. Now is also the time to check your child's cubby and make sure they have a change of clothes that is appropriate for fall temperatures



(Ariel checks out the fire truck)



(The roos crawled in and out of the squad car)

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

This month's employee of the month is Sherry Douglas. Sherry currently works in the Piglet's Paradise, our 2 year old room. Sherry has been with KIDS FIRST for 5 years, but has many more years of experience in child care. Sherry is a great employee who is always willing to help

where needed. She is the mother of two and when she's not working, she enjoys reading, hiking and dancing. Make sure to congratulate Sherry when you see her.



(McKenzie's in the driver seat!)

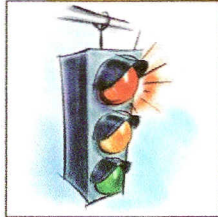
Nurturing Idea for November

Red Light, Yellow Light, Green Light, Go!

As you are driving the car, use the traffic light as a way to help your child choose to do the right thing with his or her emotions.

What does the **red light** mean? (STOP) The first step to controlling our emotions is to STOP and think!

What does the **yellow light** mean? (CAUTION) Pause and consider the consequences! Ask, "What might happen if I do this?"



What does the **green light** mean? (GO) Choose to do what is right.

Review the steps with your child when he or she gets angry or upset.

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 relationships.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Two employees celebrate anniversaries in November. Zorana Barron, RN has been with KIDS FIRST for 5 years and Erica Clark, caregiver celebrates 3 years with us. Congratulations to you both!

OCTOBER PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Twelve children had perfect attendance in October. They are: Jennalynn B, Isabella C., Alyssa C, Glenn E, Matthias J, Scotty J, Austin M, Jonathon P, Trevor S, Kavion T, and Kishun T.



This month's winner is Glenn E. He will receive a selection of holiday themed books. Congratulations to all of our perfect attendees.

November Birthdays

The birthday list at KIDS FIRST for November includes: Dora A, Gamble F, Samuel H, Jimmy G, Emma M, Leah R, Maxx R, Scott S, Landyn S, and Evan W.

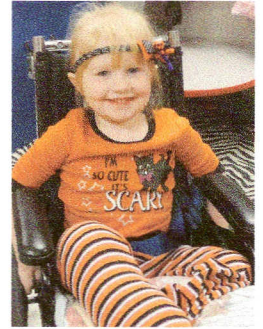
Staff celebrating include social worker Jennifer Sutton,

caregiver Laura Hicks, and physical therapist, Kristin Perdue. Happy birthday to everyone.



It's Pajama Time!

It's become a tradition at KIDS FIRST Fort Smith to have pajama day on Halloween.



(Angelina comes dressed for the occasion!)



(Alex takes a break to pose for the camera!)



(Alexandra checks out her goodies!)



(The baby room made matching shirts for Halloween)