

# Cathedral House Monthly News

## November 2011

### Important Dates

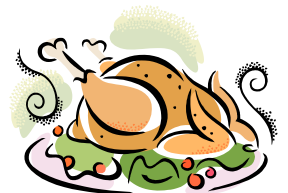
T.B.D.—To Be Determined Family Feast
Thursday Nov. 24th & Friday, Nov. 25th - School Closed in observance of Thanksgiving
Monday, November 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th - Developmental Gymnastics - MII & TI
Monday, November 7th 14th, 21st & 28th - Music - TII, PI, PII, K
Tuesday, November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd -  Mouse Club - TII, PI, PII, K
Tuesday, November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th - Chapel - PI, PII & K
Wednesday, November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th - Chinese - TI, TII, PI, PII, K
Thursday, November 10th - Arts Alive - Offered to all classes
Thursday, November 3rd, 10th & 17th - Jumpbunch - PI, PII, K
Friday, November 4th, 11th, 18th - Dance - TII, PI, PII & K

### November's Theme: Perseverance

This month we will continue our year's theme "The Character in my Book." The focus for the month of November will be "Perseverance." Perseverance is a great quality to have. Our children will learn what it means to be persistent and we have examples of incredible individuals that persevered through hard times. This is a great topic to discuss during Thanksgiving. Look for lots of books and lessons on perseverance.

### Friendly Reminders

All families are encouraged to attend the Family Feast. This is a great opportunity to meet other families, teachers and children!



As we go into the fall season, please remember to provide weather appropriate clothing for your children.



Daylight Savings Time is scheduled for Sunday, November 6th. Please remember to turn back your clocks one hour.



# Administrative News

## Family Feast

We invite our families to share in our "Family Feast". Join us to meet and mingle with families and teachers, as we eat yummy food. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the classroom doors for families to share. Please note the following as you sign up:

- Provide cooked and prepared foods.
- Prepare an amount that would feed a family of 6.
- Use disposable oven or microwave-safe containers.
- Select "kid friendly" foods (see the suggestions on each sign-up sheet). While making and/or buying your food items, please remember **we are a nut-free school**.
- Have all items at school no later than 12:00 noon.
- Our Feast will begin at 5:00 pm. Pick your child/children up in their classroom and join us in the Cloister (Treebeards) for the Feast.
- Please park in the Cathedral garage located on San Jacinto.

**\*\*If you will not be attending, please pick up your child/children by 5:00 pm.**

## Moms vs. Teachers Softball

The Moms vs. Teachers Softball Game was a HUGE hit! Thanks to all the participants, our game was a great success. The results of the softball game were 15 to 15. What a wonderful way to end the game this year. We were all winners. To view and purchase some of the photos from the game go to: <http://www.shaewilson.smugmug.com> and insert the password: CHES

## CDA Class

Many of our teachers will be going through the Child Development Associate (CDA) program. This training program requires a big commitment on the part of our teachers. However, working towards the credential can be a rewarding experience.

We will provide the opportunity for many of our teachers to complete this program on our campus, during school hours. You may see some new faces in your childrens' classrooms over the next few weeks. The group of teachers that are attending the CDA class are— Yolanda (NI), Monique (MI), Michelle (TI), Jackie (TII) and Shatavia (PI).

# Nursery I

This month was filled with lots of activity! We got to begin the month with Picture Day. Hopefully you liked how they turned out. Did you see the pumpkins we posted on our door? The children in Nursery I make very cute pumpkins! This month, we also talked about Diwali, which is Indian New Year. Diwali translated into 'row of lamps' so we decorated diyas (candles) with your child's name in Hindi. Put it on your front door for a year of prosperity! The Fall Festival was loads of fun! Nursery I had on some of the cutest costumes!

# Nursery II

This month was so eventful! We had loads of fun doing Halloween art projects. One of these projects was posted on our window. The pumpkins had your child's 'stamp' of approval on it. Hopefully this project is something you can treasure for years to come. In addition, we made our children into pumpkins and posted them on the door! What a great way to help celebrate one of our favorite times of year. Thanks to all our parents for coming out for the Fall Festival!



Pumpkin Art

# Movement I

October was filled with art and fun, We celebrated with Kelsey and Levi as they turned one. We dressed in costumes and had a parade, We decorated our room with the projects we made. We learned about the color orange and how a pumpkin is round, We even collected leaves that fell on the ground. Lakshmi dressed up for Diwali one day, And many of our friends have words they are trying to say. On behalf of the kids and teachers in Movement One, We hope your Thanksgiving is a bundle of fun!



We Love our new chair!



Diwali Dress



Ghost Footprints



Pumpkin Art



Guess Who!

# Movement II

Movement II was all about work, work, work! We had many new lessons this month. This month is always bustling with excitement as we all cannot wait for Halloween. We did lots of art projects that were posted on our door. In addition, we celebrated the Indian New Year of Diwali. Did you know that Diwali comes from the Sanscrit word Deepavali which means a row of lights? Hopefully, everyone loved the Diwali diyas (candles) that we decorated. Fall Festival was so much fun! The costumes were all so creative and cute. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Family Feast.



# Toddler I

This month was busy, busy, busy! We would like to thank our guest readers for the month: Mr. Otjen (Gregory's Dad), Mrs. Frazier (Maddie's Mom) and Mrs. Johnson (Logan's Mom). They did a great job!

For Art this month, we used the theme of Cooperation to guide us! We worked in pairs on a color mixing lesson and learned that cooperation means to work together.

This month was also Diwali, which is the Indian New Year. Ms. Swaroop came beautifully dressed in a sari and shared the traditions she observes during Diwali.

Toddler I would like to thank Andrew R. for providing special snack that was truly amazing!



Bingo



Special Snack



Color Mixing

# Toddler II

We Monster Mashed our way through the month of October. The children enjoyed learning fun facts about pumpkins, bats and leaves. As a class, we worked on the concept of cooperation as the children worked together in groups or pairs. They shared taking turns having moments of team work, while doing puzzles or carrying a lesson across the room.

In Spanish, they learned lots of new words like fantasma (ghost) and calabasa (pumpkin). We also worked on Math concepts as we sang "Five Black and Hairy Bats."

On October 26th, we celebrated Diwali and learned a little about Ms. Swaroop's culture. The girls really liked the sari she had on and thought she looked beautiful. We look forward to a lot more celebration during the month of November!

# Primary I

What a spooktacular month we had! Our class learned that a pumpkin does not grow on a tree, but rather on a vine. We also learned the lifecycle of a pumpkin and got to see the inside of a real pumpkin. Did you know that the stuff inside of a pumpkin is called 'pulp'?

In keeping with our pumpkin theme, we practiced keeping pumpkins clean with a pumpkin scrubbing lesson and counted pumpkins from one to ten with the number cards and counters lesson.

We also learned a little about spiders. Did you know that spiders are also called arachnids and have a cyphal thorax?

We had fun decorating our classroom with fantasma (ghosts), gatos (cats), Calabasas (pumpkins) and murcielagos (bats).

Our month ended with a fun Diwali presentation from Ms. Swaroop and a great time at our Fall Festival.

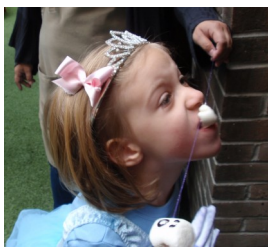
# Primary II

This month was busy with so many activities! We learned about the plant cycle of a pumpkin, carving a pumpkin & seeing the insides. We tasted pumpkin seeds & pie.

We learned about fire safety. When to use 911 & of course to stop, drop & roll. We also practiced our class drills. Do you have a safety procedure to follow at home?

We also, we re very delighted to celebrate Diwali with Ms. Swaroop. The children loved making their own Rangolis. We were adventurous in trying 'Sev', an Indian snack, but it was a tad spicy for us.

And of course let's not forget our Fall Festival! We celebrated with old & new friends! We were glad to see such a good turn out and we look forward to November!



Fall Festival



Pumpkin Carving



Diwali



Rangoli



Rangoli



Diya



Rangoli

# Kindergarten

During the month of October, the children learned about cooperation and learned that it means to work together and to get along. How did you, the parents, like the cooperation activity ideas that were sent home to you?

During this month we also enjoyed learning about the parts of a Jack-o-lantern, parts of a skeleton and what a spider is. Has your child come home and sang the song, Dem Bones? This has been one of their favorite songs to sing, It helps them learn the body part names.

Ms. Swaroop visited our class to share beautiful Indian items like the Rangoli for Diwali, the Indian New Year. Addison is holding 'rangoli' and Asher is looking at the 'diya' (candle). The children really enjoyed making their own Rangoli with colored rice and small beans.

**Just a reminder:** Chapel has been moved from Wed. afternoons to Tuesday mornings. Chapel will begin at 9:00. Please be mindful of this time as you think about breakfast items.

# New Teacher Spotlight



## Stacy Capistran Floater

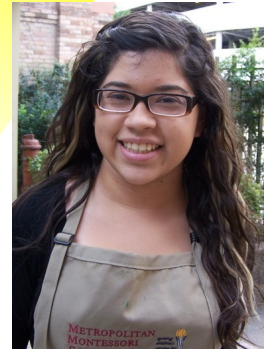
Stacy is a student at HCC and is doing wonderful here at CHES. She is a complete natural. You will often find her engaging with the children and bringing laughter into the classroom. Her laugh is contagious and she already has a bunch of little admirers. Welcome aboard!

## Brianna Lopez Kindergarten

Brianna is a college student at San Jacinto College. She is working with many classes gaining lots of experience.

She has another claim to fame- she is the granddaughter of Ms. Lupe who has worked at CHES for over 20 years!

The legacy continues...



## Lori Capistran Floater

Lori is a joy to be around. She has been visiting many of our classrooms here at CHES and gaining lots of experience in many of our classrooms.

She is always willing to learn and lend a helping hand. On her free time she enjoys playing softball!

## Lillian Turner Floater

Lillian was born and raised in North Carolina. She has had 11 years of experience working with children. We are giving

her an opportunity to observe all of our classes and will soon decide where she fits best. We are delighted to have her join the CHES family.



## Jacqueline Carter Housekeeping

Jacqueline has been working with Ms. Maria C. learning the ropes here at Cathedral House. She has really taken a strong interest in all the activities that occur here. She has even bonded with many of our children. We are excited to have her aboard and thank her for keeping the school looking spic and span.



Welcome to  
Cathedral House!



Igniting  
children's  
passion for  
learning

# Spanish Corner

## The colors:



Brown  
Orange  
Yellow  
Verde  
Rojo




Cafe  
Anaranjado  
Amarillo  
Green  
Red

## New Vocabulary Words:




Turkey  
Pilgrims  
Native Americans  
Ice Cream Cone  
Thanksgiving  
Thank you  
Please  
Corn  
Green Beans  
Green Peas  
Cranberries  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn Bread  
Ham  
Cornbread



Guajolote  
Peregrinos  
Nativos  
Cono de Nieve  
Dia de dar Gracia  
Gracias  
Por Favor  
Elote  
Ejotes  
Chicharos  
Arandanos Rojos  
Pure de Papa  
Pan de Maiz  
Jamon  
Pan de Elote

## Song: Los Elefantes (Five Little Elephants Balancing)



Un elefante se balanceaba  
Sobre la tela de una araña  
Como veia que resistia  
Fueron a llamar a otro elefante  
Dos " " " "  
Tres " " " "  
Cuatro " " "

De pronto la tela se rompio y todos los elefantes cayerón.





*Cecilia F.*—November 3rd—2 years old  
*Braden F.*—November 3rd—4 years old  
*Clementine W.*— November 4th— 1 year old  
*Abigail A.*—November 5th—2 years old  
*Ryan S.*—November 6th—5 years old  
*Frank C.*— November 7th— 1 year old  
*Robert B.*—November 15th—2 years old  
*Reid B.*— November 18th— 1 year old  
*Jake C.*— November 20th— 4 years old  
*Noah R.*—November 23rd—3 years old  
*Charlotte M.*—November 27th—2 years old

*Alma B.*—November 3rd—Floater  
*Shatavia S.*—November 6th—Primary I  
*Michelle R.*— November 13th— Toddler I  
*Avelon L.*— November 16th— Toddler II  
*Connie F.*— November 23rd— Administration  
*Dona C.*— November 26th—Nursery II  
*Stacy C.*—November 26th Floater  
*Karina C.*— November 30th—Toddler I

