

Mary's Monthly News

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Well the holiday's are just around the corner. We have Thanksgiving this month and Christmas next month, but we also have Veteran's Day in November. I want to reflect on it and give you a little history about it.

World War I officially ended on

June 28, 1919, with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. The actual fighting between the Allies and Germany, however, had ended seven months earlier with the armistice, which went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. Ar-

mistice Day, as November 11 became known, officially became a holiday in the United States in 1926, and a national holiday 12 years later. On June 1, 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans. Let's not forget to salute our Veterans on their day!

Announcement

ELC offices will be closed November 11th for the Veterans Day Holiday and November 25th & 26th for

the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday!

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Technical Assistance

TA will be short and sweet this month to say the least! I will be inputting the data from all your LAP assessments. I will be working on this daily and will return them to you as soon as I complete them so you can share the information with your parents. Please use these reports to benefit you, your families and your children. As you are well

aware, it takes a lot of time and energy to assess the children. It also takes a lot of work for me to input the data. It is so important to share the information with the families so they are aware of their child's outcome. It is equally important for the teacher to use the information so they know what areas need to be implemented into their les-

son plans. Our goal is to see growth with the child on the post-assessment.

2010 Fall Conference

THANK YOU to all who attended our 2010 Fall Conference! We hope you enjoyed it! This year is the first year we've presented a conference in this format. Be sure to tell us what you

thought of it. Here's looking forward to next years!!



Upcoming Trainings

For those of you who are registered, don't forget about the workshop "Finding the Intentional Teacher in You" on November 4th, at Florida Gateway College (Allied Health Auditorium), starting at 6:30. We are not

having any trainings in December due to everyone's heavy holiday schedules. Be sure to look in next months newsletter for January's training. Just a reminder that all trainings are placed

on our website. Please remind them also that if for any reason they cannot attend, they should call us as soon as possible so someone else can attend.

Crafts with Children

Tiny Toms



This is one turkey that won't get eaten this Thanksgiving. Your kids can make a flock to decorate the dinner table -- or to take home as favors.

Materials

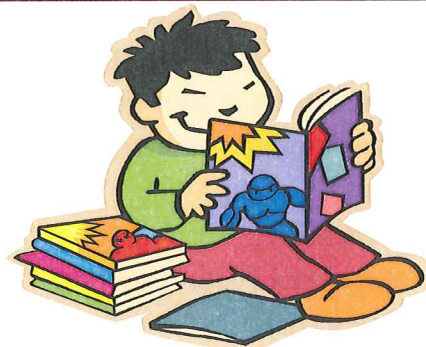
- Yellow and red felt
- Tacky glue
- Googly eyes
- Brown pom-poms
- Pinecones
- Pipe cleaners

Instructions

1. For each turkey, cut out a yellow beak and a red wattle from felt. Then glue the beak, wattle, and a pair of googly eyes onto a pom-pom to create the turkey's head.
2. Glue the pom-pom head to the tip of a pinecone. Allow the glue to dry.
3. Wrap a pipe cleaner around the middle of the turkey's cone body, starting from the top and twisting it together a few times on the underside. Separate the ends of the pipe cleaner (below the twists) and bend each tip into a 3-toed foot.
4. For the turkey's tail, individually wrap 3 or 4 pipe cleaners around the back of the pinecone, starting from the underside and twisting them together a few times on the top of the pinecone to secure them. Then loop both ends of each pipe cleaner to shape tail feathers.

Literacy Corner

- *Thanksgiving is for Giving Thanks* by Margaret Sutherland
- *Let it Fall* by Maryann Coca-Leffler
- *Grow a Pumpkin Pie* by Jane Gerver
- *The Littlest Owl* by Caroline Pitcher
- *There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves* by Lucille Colandro





Don't Forget to

"FALL BACK"

Time Changes Back One Hour

November 7TH!!

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Cooking with Kids

Turkey Tracks

Wild turkeys have been known to run up to 20 mph, but that might not be quite fast enough for these tasty appetizers to escape being gobbled up. This fun snack recipe will have everyone making tracks for more.

Ingredients

- crackers (your family's favorite)
- cheese spread or soft-

tened cream cheese

- crunchy chow mein noodles

Instructions

1. Spread the crackers with cheese, and then arrange chow mein noodles atop each one to resemble a 3-toed turkey footprint.
2. Tip: The tracks look particularly good if you choose some of the curvier noodles that don't lie flat in the cheese.

