



Mary's Monthly Memo

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Greetings everyone! Can you believe it's October already? My goodness, where has this year gone? 2012 is just around the corner! With the holidays approaching very fast, you are probably going to become even busier than you already are. Please remember if you need to use the die-cut machine or the laminator, the days and hours for the resource room are Monday-Wednesday, 1:00-4:00pm. Always call ahead to ensure that someone in the Program Department will be available to assist you and it takes 15 minutes for the laminator to warm up. Don't forget to check your email from us often! Among other things, I emailed you a flyer announcing the dates for the CPR/FA classes through May, 2012.

Holiday Song

Pumpkin, Pumpkin Song

(sung to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

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Pumpkin, pumpkin on the ground

How'd you get so big and round

Planted as a seed so small

Now you are a great big ball

Pumpkin, pumpkin on the ground

How'd you get so big and round?



Technical Assistance

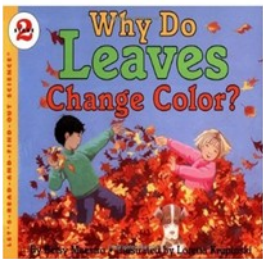
This month TA will focus on music, song and movement activities. These will focus on Florida's Early Learning and Developmental Standards Cognitive and Physical Development. I will bring the books and music and I will need to borrow your CD player.

Remember all LAP assessments are due in my office by November 1, 2011.



Literacy Corner

(This month's literacy focus is on "Fall")



Most children have jumped into piles of leaves or helped their parents rake the yard, and everyone has wondered: Why do leaves change color? This book includes activities that a child can do with leaves and even a list of places known for brilliant fall colors. What a great addition to your science and library areas.



A man made of leaves blows away, traveling wherever the wind may take him, in a fresh, autumn tale with illustrations made from actual fall leaves. A resource for fall art activities.



Apples are my favorite snack—all juicy, red, and round. I love how every tasty bite comes with a crunchy sound. Sparse rhyming text details a child's impressions of a trip to go apple picking from the morning flap-jacks to the last juicy bite of apple.

Crafts with Children (Ages 2 years and up)

Autumn Leaf Placemat Craft

Use real leaves and clear contact paper to make this easy placemat.

Materials Needed:

- Clear Contact Paper
- Construction Paper
- Leaves



Instructions:

1. Go for a walk and have the children collect a wide variety of leaves—as many different colors and shapes as they can find.
2. Cut 2 pieces of clear contact paper about 2 feet long for each child.
3. Remove the backing from one piece.
4. Have the children place a piece of construction paper on the contact paper, place the leaves randomly onto the construction paper.
5. Peel the backing off the second piece of contact paper and cover the leaves with it to seal them in between the contact paper sheets. Trim the edges.

Autumn Leaf Placemat Craft

Physical Development—Exhibits auditory abilities to support healthy growth and development by hearing and responding to instructions given by caregivers.

Approaches to Learning—Explores the environment with purpose and flexibility by using objects together to construct.

Social and Emotional—Demonstrates increasing sense of competence and confidence in growing abilities to assert their independence and thriving on accomplishing things by themselves.

Language and Communication—Participates in conversations by asking questions to keep the conversation going, when the caregiver ask about their craft.

Cognitive Development and General Knowledge—Initiates rich and varied events by asking questions such as how many or how much?

Cooking with Kids (ages 2 and up)

Apple Pie



Ingredients are for ONE serving:

- Mini Graham Cracker Crust
- Spoonful of Apple Pie Filling
- Cinnamon

Directions:

Give each child a graham cracker crust. Pass the pie filling around and let each child spoon the apple pie filling into the mini graham cracker crust and then let them sprinkle on the cinnamon.

Apple Pie

Physical Development—Demonstrates advancing strength, control, and eye-hand coordination while spooning the apple pie filling into their mini graham cracker crust.

Approaches to Learning—Shows eagerness and curiosity as a learner by wanting to serve themselves at meal times.

Social and Emotional Development—Demonstrates increasing sense of competence and confidence in growing abilities preparing their own snack and showing how they did it.

Language, Communication and Early Reading and Writing—Participates in conversations at snack time discussing what they're eating and how they made it.

Cognitive Development and General Knowledge—Demonstrates discriminating responses to people and things by beginning to enjoy small group activities led by caregivers.

Training Opportunities

Exploring Art with Young Children

This workshop will focus on art integration for 3 and 4 year old.

Participants will be introduced to an Art Educators perspective dealing with the early stages of art with young children. Participants put into practice the Lesson Plan titled, “All About Me” by making a Cloud Clay Picture Frame. This correlates to the educational/age appropriated model of the “whole child.”

Participants will receive handouts and knowledge will be assessed by a brief quiz at the end of the class and a follow-up implementation project, as well as questions and answers during the class.

DATE: Tuesday, October 18, 2011

TIME: 6:00pm—8:00pm

Place: Columbia county School Board Central Building

Room 130

409 SW St. Johns Street, LC 32024

The Wonders of Sand and Water Play

Presented By: Mary Gamble, *Program Specialist*

Through a PowerPoint and demonstrations:

- Participants will learn why sensory play is important for preschoolers.
- Participants will learn the developmental advantages of sand/water/mud play.
- Participants will receive tips to help parents embrace messy play at school.

Participants will be assessed by a short quiz and have a follow-up assignment due at a later date, along with questions and answers during the class.

DATE: October 25, 2011

TIME: 6:00PM-8:00PM

Place: Columbia County School Board Central Building

Room 130

409 SW St. Johns Street

Lake City 32024

Check the CPR/First Aid flyer for upcoming training dates!

VERY IMPORTANT

**Remember to check the
DCF and ELC-FG Websites
for updates and training events!**

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October

10—ELC-FG Executive Committee Meeting

12th—ELC-FG Board Meeting

18th—Exploring Art with Young Children

25—The Wonders of Sand and Water Play

31— Halloween

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