

Director's Note

October has come and gone so quickly! We felt the month fly by but had a busy month all the while. We had a wonderful visit from the Fire Fighters at Station 18! They talked to us all about fire safety, showed us what they look like in all their fire gear, and we even had a chance to check out the fire truck up close! We also learned about pumpkins, fall, camping and so much more. We also had an amazing costume parade with the whole school on our make up day, October 31st. It was so exciting to see everyone dressed up and showing off their creative side.

In November we look forward to giving thanks for all of the blessings that we have. Many classrooms will have special activities planned this month, so please be sure to stay tuned to your teacher's door notes and communications.

We will also be collecting donations for the Backpack Buddies program at Lynn Road Elementary. Each class will be packing 2 backpacks. We will collect the items from November 5th-16th. This is a wonderful opportunity to teach our children about giving to others why community service is important. Backpack Buddies was started to help children who may not have access to food over the weekend, when school lunches are not available. The items to go in each backpack are specific as they are meant for children to cook and eat themselves without adult help. The food items are given to the children in backpacks for two reasons. One is so that it is not as noticeable to the other children when they are bringing food home, the second is so that child now has a backpack when they may not have had one before. It is a wonderful way to help in our community and we are thankful to be a part of it.

Be sure to check out the [Asbury Preschool Facebook Page](#) for important updates throughout the year, as well as some highlighted classroom activities!

Just a reminder that you can pay your monthly tuition fee online at <https://squareup.com/store/asbury-preschool>.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 2nd-3rd- Family Portrait Fundraiser
November 5th-16th- Backpack Buddies Collection
November 6th- 2 Hour Delayed Opening due to WCPSS delay
November 7th- Chipotle Night Fundraiser 4-8pm
November 12th- Closed for Veteran's Day
November 13th- Closed for Teacher Training
November 21st-23rd- Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

A complete list of dates is available online at asburyraleigh.org/preschool/important-dates/

Health and Safety Reminder:

Please remember that as we approach illness season, children who are sick must remain at home until they are symptom free without medication for 24 hours. This includes any fever, diarrhea and upset stomachs. We also ask that you keep your child at home if he or she appears sick, has an unexplained rash, skin or eye infection. If a child becomes sick at school, they will remain in the office until a parent or authorized contact has been called and is able to pick up. We ask that parents help us to keep all of the children in the classroom healthy. Always be sure to follow proper hand-washing procedure when entering the school as well. Thank you.



Classroom Notes

Ms. Sue and Ms. Mika's Toddlers:

This month our Toddlers have all settled into a nice routine. We celebrated fall and Halloween with sensory and art experiences that helped demonstrate the changes in our world and harvest time. Our children played with beans and leaves in the sensory table. We made pumpkin slime and had pumpkin play doh to dig into. For art we made a tree drawing, a leaf collage and our own little pumpkins. Best of all, we cut open and examined the inside of our class pumpkin. Our pretend play is taking off and we are practicing sharing and playing with our friends! Circle time at the end of the day is a big hit-we may start a morning circle soon. Happy fall y'all!

Ms. Chris and Ms. Courtney's Twos:

Fall is finally here and we are enjoying it immensely! Our sweet group of Two's are more aware of each other and are coming together as a caring and cohesive group! We'll have some fun this month with leaves, acorns, and the changes we see and feel around us. We'll take a fall scavenger hunt walk and gather signs of fall. We'll explore natural fall items in our sensory table and test the scale with weighing acorns and nuts. Turkeys make an appearance this month and we'll do some turkey feather and "turkey track" art. We'll finish the month creating a table gift to give to our families. We'll present these gifts to our parents along with a special snack, which we will prepare and bake while at preschool!

We are thankful for the sweet faced, kind-hearted children that are in our class each week!
Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Ms. Suzanne and Ms. Maxine's Twos:

We have had such a great time seeing the children start to build friendships in class. They have impressed us with their curiosity and eagerness to experience new things. We love to see how excited they are to come to preschool! This month we will talk a lot about the many reasons we have to be thankful. (We are thankful that we work with such terrific children and their supportive parents!) There are plans for activities using all of our senses including harvesting cranberries from our own cranberry bog. We will be watching for color changes in the leaves and we will build a scarecrow. The month will end with a mini-feast as we learn about the first Thanksgiving.

Love,

Ms. Suzanne and Ms. Maxine

Ms. Alison and Ms. Marty's Threes:

November finds us counting our many blessings as we give thanks to God for all of those who love and take care of us. In the classroom we will discuss how people help us every day but most importantly how we can help others.

Our focus this month will be squirrels, Native Americans, turkeys and family.

Thank you for sharing your little blessings with us. Happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. Alison and Ms. Marty

Ms. Erin and Ms. Katie's Threes:

October was an exciting month for our little ones. We created a barnyard mural that is on display out in our class. Not only did we bake muffins but we explored the inside of a pumpkin, painted spider webs with marbles, and learned important facts about bats and spiders. This November we will learn how thankful we are for our family and friends. We will mimic a Thanksgiving feast and enjoy learning about pilgrims while making fun festival crafts. Thank you for sharing your children with us, we feel so very blessed! Love. Ms. Katie and Ms. Erin

Classroom Notes Continued...

Ms. Corene, Ms. Sherri and Ms. Renee's Fours:

The month of November is exciting as the children learn about Pilgrims, Turkeys, and The First Thanksgiving. We will learn how the Native Americans and Pilgrims celebrated together the many blessings that God bestowed upon them. Our theme of Thanksgiving will incorporate games, songs, and art as we learn about sharing. Many of our projects will be used to count, using one to one correspondence for numbers 1 to 20 and learning our letters and sounds. We will begin our month working on evaluations for Conferences. You will see more information about conferences in the weekly Door Notes.

Have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving! Blessings to all our families!

Ms. Jill and Ms. Emily's Fours:

Autumn has arrived and the changes around us are beautiful and spectacular! Our outdoor time has been very enjoyable with the crisp, cooler weather. This month we will be packed with fun as we talk about Pilgrims and Native Americans sharing their first Thanksgiving. A big part of our activities will revolve around turkeys and giving thanks for all that we have. We will also have a Pow-Wow with the other four year old and transitional kindergarten classes. The mouse is on the loose. He has had many adventures and continues to look forward to his visits with everyone in the class. Happy Thanksgiving! Love Ms. Jill and Ms. Emily.



Ms. Monica and Ms. Sherri's Fours:

Hello! The overarching theme this month will be gratitude for all we have and celebrating our friends and family. We will begin the month focusing on the pilgrims. Then we will move into talking about Native Americans. The week of Thanksgiving, all of the fours classes and the TK will have a Native American Celebration. The children will rotate to the different rooms and make crafts that mimic what the Native American might have used/made in the olden times. After Thanksgiving, we will begin our month of "Christmas around the world," starting with a study of Advent. We are so grateful for each one of you and love seeing your children each week! Love, Ms. Monica and Ms. Sherri

Ms. Carolyn and Ms. Christi's Transitional Kindergarten:

October was a wonderful month filled with lots of exploring and learning! Science seems to be a favorite activity, and we've had fun with apple volcanoes and melting pumpkins! November brings a chance to express our thankfulness and that will be our theme the whole month. We will talk about how blessed our lives are to have loving families and friends as well as warm shelter and food. We will learn about the first Thanksgiving and traditional foods of the season. We'll join the Fours classes in a special Native American learning experience. We hope our families have a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends. *Love, Ms. Carolyn and Ms. Christi*

Music with Ms. Sue

In music this month we explored the different concepts of the season through movement, music, and even science. We made a witch's brew with each child helping add ingredients like "swamp slime" and "moldy leaves"-when the brew bubbled and rose that was a huge surprise! Must be magic...or a scientific reaction to different elements being combined. The children flew their own bats in the dark cave by the light of the "moon" creating shadows. We learned how pumpkins grow. For movement the children loved doing an obstacle course to music where they practiced hopping on one foot, walking a tight rope, crawling through a tunnel, and jumping laterally across a line on the ground. We also had our own spy glasses to find objects from the song hidden around the room. Music engages all the senses here at Asbury. Our children love to begin and/or end with their favorite greeting songs where they are each recognized by name. Thank you for sharing your children with us.

