



2021

### **A Note from Our Principal**

We hope your children enjoyed their fall lessons, pumpkin themed activities, and trunk or treat last week. Seeing our students enjoy their Halloween costumes and fall attire is one of the highlights of the year for us. Thank you for allowing us to be part of these special occasions! This month we are focusing on gratitude and connecting with others. We have many special activities planned for our students and are looking forward to sharing photos with you all on Links 2 Home. As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kristen Suh

### **Thanksgiving Holiday**

This year has flown by.... it's almost Thanksgiving!!

During the holidays, it's very helpful for us to know how many children will be in attendance for staffing purposes. It helps us to schedule time offs for staff who may need to travel. We will have attendance sheets in the classroom the week of November 15<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving Holiday. Please mark the days your child will be in school the week of Thanksgiving. Thank you!

### **Parent Survey Reminder**

Our enrolled parent survey launched in October. If you have not received the email, please let us know so we can request it be resent. The survey provides the opportunity for you to give us feedback anonymously on our strengths and areas we can work on. Survey closes November 19.

### **Important Dates:**

November 11 – School Closed / Professional Development for Staff

November 25, 26 – Closed for Thanksgiving

November 30 – Monthly folders go home

## Ways to Celebrate American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month with Your Child

November is American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. It is a time to honor the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of Native Americans. When children acknowledge and appreciate diverse cultures, they are helping to build a community of belonging and inclusion. Celebrate with your child this month by trying some of our ideas below.



### 1. Read books about American Indian and Alaska Native characters

Books are a wonderful way to expand your child's awareness and appreciation of diverse cultures. A few of our favorites to celebrate American Indians and Alaska Natives include, "Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story" by Kevin Noble Maillard, "We are Water Protectors" by Carole Lindstrom, and "Mama, Do You Love Me?" by Barbara M. Joosse.

### 2. Make a traditional meal

The diet of American Indians and Alaska Natives included vegetables found on the land around them. This month, cook the traditional ["three sisters"](#) (corn, squash, beans) soup. Encourage your child to help measure, scoop and pour the ingredients.

### 3. Explore your region's resources

Check your local area for festivals or museums with Native American exhibits. Libraries and schools also often host events, such as dance performances and puppet shows for younger children. Afterwards, ask your child about some of the favorite things they saw.

### 4. Take a nature walk

Explain to your child that connecting with nature was an important part of Native American culture. November is a great time to get outdoors and take a walk together. Talk about the things you see, hear, and smell around you.