## Honey Bears Newsletter November 2025



Edgehill Fire Company came to visit the school. Children got to see inside a fire truck.

Thank you parents for attending Parent Night. I hope you received all the information you need to get a good picture of what we do in the Honey Bear room. If you were unable to attend and would like information about what we discussed feel free to reach out to me through procare or personally.

### **Themes:**

Seasons We Give Thanks Family

## **Signs**

- Thank You
- Mom
- Dad

### **Books**

Thank You Thanksgiving by David Milgrim Bear Says Thanks by Jane Chapman The Family Book by Todd Parr Families by Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly



Honey Bears are counting items in a box and then identifying the number.



After reading 10 Apples on Top, students glued apples on their head. Then they had to count how many apples there were.

# <u>Cognitive Milestones</u> <u>Milestones your child should be at when entering Honey Bears (3 years old)</u>

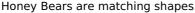
- Draws a circle when you show how to.
- Avoids touching hot objects, like a stove, when you warn them.

## <u>Milestones your child should be at when turning 4. (Learning throughout the school year)</u>

- Names a few colors of items.
- Tells what comes next in a well-known story.
- Draws a person with three or more body parts.

 $\underline{https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/milestones-4yr.html}$ 







Honey Bears are exploring the insides of a pumpkin.

## **ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF FINE MOTOR SKILLS**

When your preschooler was a baby, they used fine motor skills to grasp your fingers and clench their hands. They may have grabbed or held onto rattles or teethers and passed objects from one hand to the next. As your child became a toddler, they used fine motor skills when eating, playing and exploring the world around them. By the time your child got to preschool, the fine motor skills they started developing as a baby are helping them learn to write, use scissors, button clothes, build with blocks and more.

Tips to help your preschooler learn fine motor skills:

- · **Give your preschooler opportunities to explore and manipulate** age-appropriate objects. Give them supervised access to crayons, child-safe scissors, finger paints, pipe cleaners and other craft objects to draw, mold, and manipulate. Even toys like LEGOS, puzzles and blocks can help with the development of fine motor skills.
- **Encourage use of both hands.** Did you know that being left or right handed can come from mom or dad? A **study** shows the same genetic markers tied to being left-handed may also play roles in brain development and communication between different brain areas. Although children may be as old as six years old before they show a preference for using their left or right hand, encouraging them to use either hand means they can more fully explore their world and learn.
- **Expect a mess.** Messes can be learning experiences! When your preschooler digs into the dirt, or cuts construction paper into small pieces, these are learning experiences using fine motor skills.

https://papromiseforchildren.com/kindergarten-here-i-come/

## **Special Dates**

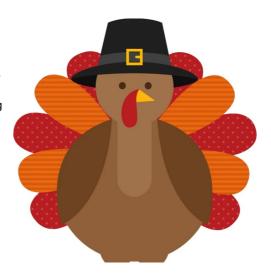
11/2 11/3	Day Light Savings Time Ends - Fall Back Holmesburg Bakery Fundraiser Starts
11/4	Election Day Day Care is Closed
11/5	Vision Sreening
11/11	Veteran's Day
11/11	Vision Screenings
11/17	Holmesburg Bakery Orders Due
11/24	Copper Beech ½ Day
11/25	Copper Beech ½ Day
11/26	Copper Beech ½ Day
11/26	CLOSING at 3:00 PM
11/26	Holmesburg Bakery Delivery 12-3 pick up
11/27	CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving
11/28	CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving

## Reminders

- 1. Please check your child's locker to make sure they have 2 complete sets of clothes. (Shirts, pants, underwear, and socks) If you want you can provide an extra pair of shoes just in case.
- 2. The weather is starting to change. Please make sure your child has the appropriate coat, hat, and gloves. We go outside at 25 degrees to 90 degrees.
- 3. Label Everything!
- 4. If someone is picking up your child besides a parent or guardian please inform us. You will have to fill out "Release Form."
- 5. If your child is going to be absent please send us a message through Procare or call the Honey Bear room.

We will be learning letters J, K, L, and M.

We will be working on identifying letters in the daily news written by the teacher.





## Jack- 4th Penny- 5th Blake- 27th

## **CENTER-WIDE NEWS**

**Election Day is on Tuesday, November 4, 2025** . For the safety of the children, we will be closed for the day.

We will be working with the Breathing Room Foundation this season. Each room will have a family that is in need to help make their holidays a special one. More Info to follow

Holmesburg Bakery Fundraiser will start on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> and orders are due 11/17. You don't want to miss the chance to taste their delicious pies and unbelievable donuts. Pick up your orders on November 26<sup>th</sup>, the day before Thanksgiving between noon and 3 PM.

We will hold our annual "Holiday Shop" from 12/2-12/4. Order forms will be sent home on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. Gummi Bears to Pooh Bears will get a chance to shop for presents for their families. School Age children will have a chance to shop as well. Items cost \$3-\$9. Just fill out the form, send it in with the money, and we do the rest. No peeking!

We will be closing early at **3:00 PM on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**. We are **closed on 11/27 &11/28** for **Thanksgiving**. Enjoy your time off with your family. Be safe!

**Reminder:** We go **outside for an hour** in the **morning** and an hour in the **afternoon** every day unless the temperature or wind chill is below 25 degrees so please make sure your child has the **appropriate clothing**. Also, with the heat on, it can get warm in the rooms so layering clothing is the best choice.

Parent/Teacher Conferences - 12/8-12/12 - These will be held via phone and will last no longer than 10 minutes. You will be given an appointed time frame. Please sign up on Sign-Up Genius sent out by your child's teacher.

**Summer Camp** information will be available in **January**. All students (K-6) must register for camp even if they attend our before/after school program. You must make an appointment with Bob to hand in your paperwork.

Please make sure you are exiting the building by the playground door. This should be the only door used for entering and exiting.

Please let the teachers know your child's holiday schedule. If they will not be here for a full week Monday-Friday, you will get half price for the week.

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Please contact the main office if you have any questions. Also remember to like us on  $\underline{\sf Facebook}$ :)