

Alike & Different

November 2nd – 5th & 9th – 12th, 2009



Dear Co-Teach Families,

Thank you so much for attending our first Family Fun with Food Event, *Pancakes for Papas* last Thursday! We hope you enjoyed the delicious pancakes – we sure enjoyed having the opportunity to host the gathering.

For the next two weeks we will be focusing on ways that we are all alike and ways that we are different. At a young age, children are often able to see differences among people they interact with. Our goal is to teach them how to embrace differences while focusing on the similarities that link all people. Our repeated reading will be *We are All Alike, We are All Different* by The Cheltenham Elementary School Kindergarten.

REMINDER: There will be NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, November 11th and Thursday, November 12th.

Have a great week,
Teacher Mary and Teacher Andrea

Monday, November 2nd

“We are all alike. We are people.”

Today at learning centers we will...

1. Visit the Co-Teach shoe store at dramatic play
2. Paint and pattern different hair colors at the art center
3. Chart the length of our names at the discovery center
4. Search for people hiding in birdseed at the trough
5. Piece together *A World of Friends* floor puzzle in the library area

For snack we will eat: Fruit snacks and goldfish crackers

At library we will read: *We Are All Alike...We Are All Different* by Cheltenham Elementary School Kindergarten

Tuesday, November 3rd

“We are all alike. We like to play.”

Today at learning centers we will...

1. Cut out pictures of items we like to play with from catalogs then paste them on a large sheet of paper to make a class collage at the art center
2. Continue shopping for shoes at dramatic play
3. Mold shapes with friends at the playdough center
4. Paint pictures with friends at the easel
5. Play *Alphabet Match Me* with your friends at the game center

For snack we will eat: Cheese and Ritz crackers

At library we will read: *Bein' With You This Way* by W. Nikola-Lisa

Wednesday, November 4th

“We are all alike. We all eat food.”

Today at learning centers we will...

1. Continue searching for people in the birdseed trough
2. Write a recipe for making bread at the writing center
3. Make potato prints at the art center
4. Listen to *Chicken Soup with Rice* on tape at the library
5. Sort different types of food at the discovery center

For snack we will eat: Grilled cheese sandwiches

At library we will read: *Bread, Bread, Bread* by Ann Morris

Thursday, November 5th

“We are all alike. We have bodies.”

Today at learning centers we will...

1. Trace and color your body on large sheets of paper at the art center
2. Try on different shoes at the Co-Teach Shoe Store in dramatic play
3. Dance with our whole bodies to different types of music at the library center
4. Mold bodies at the playdough center
5. Paint a picture of ourselves at the easel

For snack we will eat: Muffins!

At library we will read: *Where Did You Get Your Moccasins?* By Bernalda Wheeler

Monday, November 9th

"We are all alike. We all live somewhere."

Today at learning centers we will...

1. Pattern different types of houses at the art center
2. Search for Arctic animals in the water trough
3. Play puppy bingo at the library center
4. Paint a picture of your house at the easel
5. Mold Arctic animals and houses at the playdough center

For snack we will eat: Chicken noodle soup and crackers

At library we will read: *Andy, An Alaskan Tale* by Susan Welsh-Smith

Tuesday, November 10th

"We are all alike. We have families."

Today at learning centers we will...

1. Sew beads on burlap at the art center
2. Draw pictures of our families at the writing center
3. Chart the number of people in our family at the discovery center
4. Wash baby dolls in the water trough
5. Visit the Co-Teach shoe store at dramatic play

For snack we will eat: Cereal mix

At library we will read: *Jingle Dancer* by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Wednesday, November 11th

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Thursday, November 12th

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