

CHILDREN'S HOUSE CHATTER

Wednesday, November 9, 2011.

ANNUAL FUND-RAISER It's time to sell poinsettias again! Information and order forms have been placed in the children's folders. Each family is asked to sell a minimum of 10 plants. If you choose to NOT sell ten plants, you may make a donation of \$50 in lieu (please refer to your copy of Financial Policies). Of course, we do hope you will sell as many plants as possible - there are cash prizes for the top three sellers! Order forms should be handed in by November 28, and the plants will be delivered the week of December 5.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS We will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25 for Thanksgiving. There will be no classes and no child care on these days.

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR - November 14, 15 & 16
Drop by the book fair next week - there will be lots of titles to choose from!

PTO MEETING The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 15 at 6:00pm. As always, baby-sitting will be provided. See you there!

DOWNSTAIRS CLASS This week the children have enjoyed new fish, insect and butterfly lessons. We've been talking about the body parts of an insect: head, thorax, abdomen and antenna. We've also been working on a few autumn and Thanksgiving projects. Parents, please make sure to check your child's folder daily. Also, please take a moment to introduce yourself to Ms. Denise who now works in the afternoons with our class. Ms. Denise is a former employee from a few years ago, and we welcome her back to Children's House.

JUNIOR ELEMENTARY CLASS The Juniors have been making decorations for the Buddy Lunch, this Friday at 12:00 noon in our classroom. We will make chicken noodle soup, garlic bread, cupcakes and Junior Punch. The Buddy Lunch is designed for Dad or another adult relative/friend to come and have lunch with the Juniors. We have decorated our area with cornucopia and turkey art to way what we are thankful for. Family recipes are due Monday, November 14. If possible, please send your

recipe copy-ready. All Juniors will need black pants for the Christmas Play. We will not have a spelling test this week; our next tests will be on November 18 and December 2.

OUTSIDE CLASS The children enjoyed the I-Spy Game with sounds. They are also working with sounds - matching the object with the sound. Some children are working on an introduction to decimals, tracing numbers and writing them. Some of the older children have been working with addition of large numbers, and trying to memorize the combinations. Again, we ask that parents label their child's clothing. At this point we have two unclaimed jackets - we don't know to whom they belong. Also, please be aware that your child may **NOT** have a Sprite or any other soda for breakfast or lunch at school. Please do not send these items to school with your child, as they will be removed and disposed of. Thank you for your cooperation.

DOWNSTAIR STODDLER CLASS We welcome Liliana Lacefield and Solomon Stanford to our class this week. They have both adjusted well to their new environment. This week we have been talking about dinosaurs at group time. This gives the children the opportunity to differentiate between similar objects. It's impressive the number of children who can pronounce such long names as "Apatosaurus" and "Triceratops". We have many uses for plastic grocery bags, so any donations would be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

UPSTAIRS CLASS The children are enjoying working on pin-prick maps, rhythm band, the bead chain, and lots of Practical Life. Parents, please label all coats, jackets, hats and other clothing. Also, please check your child's spare clothing bag and make sure there is an ample supply of winter-weight clothing.

Foster your child's quest for independence
Help your child become independent by installing hooks where she can easily hang up and retrieve her clothing. Install low rods in the closet making it easy to reach hangers. Set up shelves that are low, making it easy to reach clothing. (This works for toys, sports equipment and other activities too.) Place baskets on the low shelves. They are

wonderful for storing different types of clothing. Label each basket: one for hats, one for scarves, one for mittens, and so on.