

Good morning preschool families!

We are excited to introduce Melissa Miller, our new lead preschool instructor. She attended DePauw University in Greencastle, IN where she graduated with a degree in Elementary Education. Upon graduation she began her teaching career in Indianapolis where she taught 4th grade for 5 years. During her final year, she became a mother of identical twin girls at which time she made the decision to stay home to raise her daughters. Her family then transferred here to the beautiful PNW in 2005 and has been here ever since. While here, she had the opportunity to own and operate her own preschool business teaching as the lead instructor for 7 years. Her teaching philosophy is learning through movement based preschool with both Montessori and traditional classroom influences. Teaching young minds is her true passion and she feels fortunate to have this opportunity to do so with your children.

A note from Ms. Melissa: "I enjoyed meeting your children last Thursday and appreciate your willingness to share them with me. I'm looking forward to our journey ahead and have many wonderful learning opportunities planned in the classroom. Beginning this week we will be focusing on sequencing and counting objects 0 through 9. We will continue to encourage proper pincer grip development which will allow better hand control for writing and cutting. We will be discussing Autumn and the many wonderful things this season has to offer such as introducing the terms deciduous and evergreen trees along with labeling the parts of a leaf. As you can see we have a very busy month ahead...let the learning begin!"

From Mr. Reece: This month we will be exploring music that celebrates the season of Autumn, Harvest and Thanksgiving. Our little turkeys will be gobbling up tasty tunes and beginning to learn about the corny words we like to use to describe music like Allegro (fast), Andante (slow), Forte (loud), and Piano (soft). I'm excited to share this cornucopia of fun with your children!

From Ms. Cheyenne: Hello preschool families! This month in dance class we will be talking about the concept of "relationships", or how our bodies can relate to each other while we move. This includes how we can connect our bodies by dancing together, as well as creating shapes around, through, over and under. Our folk dance this month will be "Los Machetes".

Looking at the calendar, we are closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday Nov. 23rd.

Thank you everyone!!