



Special Edition

Parents Newsletter

Resources for parents and child caregivers



Fun Thanksgiving Facts



The presidential pardon of a turkey became a tradition in 1947 by President Truman.

The heaviest recorded turkey was 86 pounds.

Thanksgiving became a national holiday in 1863.

Ben Franklin wanted the turkey to replace the eagle as the national bird.

The first Macy's Thanksgiving day parade was held in 1924.

Male turkeys are called Toms.

Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving too, just in October.



OREO TURKEY COOKIES

INGREDIENTS

- 20 Double Stuf OREO cookies
- bag of candy corn (about 100 pieces)
- bag of candy eyes (about 40 pieces)
- bag of butterscotch chips (about 20 pieces)
- cake/cookie icing (to attach eyes and nose)

DIRECTIONS

- 1) Carefully push 4-5 candy corns into the icing between the cookies. *Don't push too far!*
- 2) Use the cake/cookie icing to "glue" eyes and beak on.
- 3) *Enjoy!*

Find the recipe here:

www.emilyenchanted.com/thanksgiving-oreo-turkey-cookies/



I AM THANKFUL SUNFLOWER CRAFT

You Need:

- A yellow paper plate (or color/paint a white paper plate yellow)
- Yellow & brown paper (cardstock or construction paper)
- A white crayon (or ABC stickers for “I’m Thankful For”)
- Elmer’s glue
- Black marker



To Make:

- 1) Cut 12 petals from the yellow paper.
- 2) Cut a smaller brown paper circle. Glue it onto the yellow plate. Write, “I’m Thankful For” on it with white crayon (or use ABC stickers).
- 3) Write 12 things you are thankful for on the petals - *or ask family members to write some too.*
- 4) Glue petals to outside of plate with petal tip pointing out.



Have Fun!

See more here: <https://homeschoolpreschool.net/sunflower-paper-plate-craft/>



Gross Motor Development

Gross motor skills are large movements that require the coordination of many parts of the body.

Below are a few milestones for gross motor development.

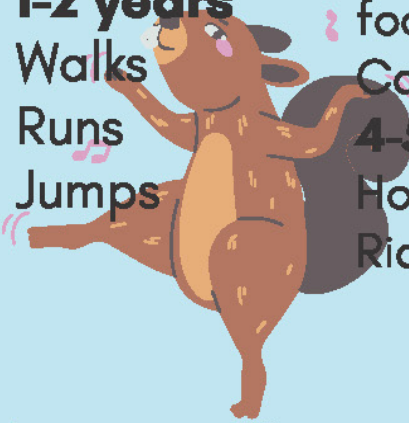
Remember, each child's development is unique.

0-1 year

- Rolls
- Sits alone
- Crawls
- Stands

1-2 years

- Walks
- Runs
- Jumps



2-3 years

- Climbs up and down stairs
- Kicks a ball

3-4 years

- Balances on one foot

- Catches a ball

4-5 years

- Hops on one foot
- Rides a tricycle



Children need opportunities to practice gross motor skills.

To support their development, we can offer them:

Space

Time

Playmates

Materials (i.e. balls, toys)



The **Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)** can help you learn more about and track your child's gross motor development.

Click [HERE](#) to complete the questionnaire in English

Click [HERE](#) to complete the questionnaire in Spanish



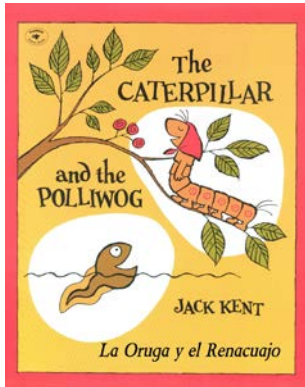
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EVENTS & WEBINARS

Shared Reading Saturday



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020

TIMES VARY - click [here](#) to see times and register!

Fran Colin-Luippold will show parents and guardians how to sign ***The Caterpillar and the Pollywog***.

Interpretation in English and Spanish.

You will get a link to a playlist of the story in ASL on *YouTube*!

- **Facebook** live - click [here](#).
- **YouTube** live - click [here](#).

Virtual College Transition Seminar and Parent/Student Panel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

For parents and high school juniors and seniors. Register to get the link!

Sponsored by the *Family Education and Advocacy Team* (FEAT) - *Boston Children's Hospital DHHP* and *Audiology* programs.

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