

## November News

### Room 101- Sarah Mitchell



**November is here!** It's hard to believe that November is already here. October seems like a whirlwind but we sure had fun! Thank you to all for coming in for conferences. It was nice to connect a bit earlier this year to share how the kids are adjusting to school and getting along socially. I'm so impressed with the kids and the skills they have gained already in the past month and a half. We are making progress at the sign-in table. Lately we have been doing our sign-ins by tracing dotted letters. This week, we are moving on to writing their names independently paying closer attention to capitals, lower case, and grip. As we master this, we will move on to adding last names. This will likely come in the new year. You may have also heard about our music specialist who started in October. Ms. Sherry will be coming in once or twice a month to do focused multi-cultural music lessons with the class. We do these lessons with Mrs. Jordan's class so the students have an opportunity to learn in a larger group setting. In addition to these music sessions, Mrs. Schubloom and I often allow the students to move freely between our two classrooms during free-choice time. As they explore between the rooms, they enjoy a different setting, additional opportunities and another group of students. It's been a positive experience for all!

#### **November Learning Themes- Caldecott Books & Thanksgiving**

This month we will focus our activities around Caldecott books. There are so many great children's books out there so we have chosen a few of our favorites to share. We will of course take a mid-month break to talk about Thanksgiving,

all that we are thankful for and celebrate our annual Charlie Brown Thanksgiving.

### **November Dates-**

#### **Charlie Brown Thanksgiving**

November 15

#### **No School- Thanksgiving Break**

Monday, November 19- Thursday, November 22

**Coming up in December...** World Celebrations, Gingerbread

### **More about this month...**

**Sharing-** The kids have done a nice job selecting and talking about their sharing items. This month I would like the kids to tell us about something they enjoy doing with their family. They can bring in a photograph, draw a picture, bring in an object related to the activity or simply just tell us about it! Please take a minute or two to talk about what your child will say. We end each sharing time with a chance for three comments or questions from the listening students. I encourage kids who don't get called on to ask or tell to talk to their friend about it later. It's a fun way for kids to start conversations. See schedule for sharing days.

**Grocery Store/Food Shelf Donations Request-** This month our dramatic play area will be transformed into a grocery store. We would appreciate any donations of your child's favorite non-perishable items we can use in our store. At the end of the month we will add these to the food the preschool is collecting for the local foodshelf.

**Charlie Brown Thanksgiving-** On Thursday, November 15 we will have our annual Charlie Brown Thanksgiving. This is a fun school-wide event where we will watch A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving and enjoy a Charlie Brown-style feast together. We will need volunteers from each classroom to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. Watch for a sign-up outside the classroom.

**As always,** please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, updates, etc. either in person, by phone or text (612-810-5906) or by email (smitchell@lakeharrietumpreschool.org).