



RCK CUBBY REPORTER

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH

SCHOOL NEWS

- All students are required to have a flu shot by 12/31. Please provide an updated immunization record to Mrs. Cade.
- Remember to refresh your child's extra clothes for colder weather. (Please label all clothes.)
- With the snowy season upon us, make sure to check your email for any weather related delays/closures.
- Please spread the word that there will be an opening in the 3's and 4's come December 1st.
- Disposable masks are also a great idea during the cold season (send extra masks if needed).

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OUR TREMENDOUS TWO'S

BY LISA DELGIUDICE

This month in the Twos we immersed ourselves in our theme; Turkeys, Turkeys and more Turkeys!

We painted watercolor turkeys, paper plate turkeys and we even used our hands to make a turkey for our placemats.

We manipulated pom poms to stuff bottle turkeys, pushed feathers into a strainer to design a turkey, and created a turkey on our felt board, among other things.

Another highlight of the day was singing the 5 Little Turkeys song.



THE THRILLING THREE'S

BY LISA KELLY

This month in the 3's classroom the children explored the ways in which animals prepare for winter. We talked about migration, and why the birds we see in the sky travel in "v's" and take turns doing the hard work of being the leader. We used a fan and paper to explore the force of the wind. Next, we explored the animals that adapt and prepare to stay in the cold by gathering food and storing it like the frisky squirrels. Lots of shaking of bushy tails and simple songs reminded them of the work involved for these animals. Last, we talked about bears and hibernation (with a few children reporting on their own bear sightings in town). The classroom walls are decked with flying geese, busy squirrels, and sleeping bears.

The 3's class has also been busy working on identifying the first letters in their name and recognizing their names this month. They explored letter sensory bins, name finding activities with magnifying glasses, building their names with letters using their attendance cards, and dismissal from circle time using their names. Recognizing their names outside of the usual and familiar places such as their cubbies, solidifies their familiarity with the classroom around them. Early math concepts such as counting out bears, naming shapes, and exploring simple building mechanics continued to be introduced.

Thanksgiving took center stage with an introduction of the concept of thankfulness with a reading of Todd Parr's *The Thankful Book*. The children thought of what they were thankful for. The answers that we hear from the 3's remind us of what's important, a simple connection with our world and each other: "My mommy", "My daddy", "playing outside", "my hands", and a "big piece of playdough." Although the 3's couldn't celebrate in person this year, they met for a Zoom Thanksgiving story to gather together and remember all we have to be thankful for: each other and our RCK 3's friends.



IT'S THE FABULOUS FOUR'S

BY MELINDA KOVAK

November has been a time for the 4s class to be thankful. Our Albuquerque Turkey is proudly fanning his tail with words of thanks. Speaking of Albuquerque, we love singing our Albuquerque is a Turkey song. Please look forward to a video of us in our turkey costumes!! We also learned about squirrels, cut out squirrels and added a bushy tail and tried balancing like a squirrel on the balance beam. We celebrated Rory's 5th birthday with cupcakes and singing to Rory - now we say "calling all 4s and 5s", one hand up to rally together. We made beautiful dream catchers to catch all those bad dreams, so we can all sleep peacefully. Our countdown to 100 Days of RCK is now in the 40s. We love counting by tens and discussing the pattern of the week. The Extended Day classes made beautiful watercolor paintings, cut out clay leaves and then painted them, used rhythm sticks and cut circles into fractions, whole, half, thirds, & fourths. Everyday is a great day in the 4s!



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT!

MYRIAM ALBIS- 2'S ASSISTANT TEACHER

How long have you been teaching at RCK?

I started subbing in 2020 and started in the 2's as the assistant teacher this September.

Why did you become a teacher?

I always loved children and find it fascinating to see how they grow so much on so many levels within a years time.

What is your favorite thing to teach?

How to share better and be kind.

What is one of your favorite children's books?

All of the Elephant and Piggie books by Mo Willems.

What is your favorite holiday tradition?

We have an advent calendar that we fill with one question a day that everyone in my family answers. It's a great time to learn something new about each other.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 5th- WREATH PICKUP and HOT COCOA & COOKIES @ RCK playground

MONDAY DECEMBER 20- M/W 2's & 3's HOLIDAY PARTY

TUESDAY DECEMBER 21- T/TH 2's & 4's HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 22- DECEMBER 31: NO SCHOOL- HOLIDAY BREAK

MONDAY JANUARY 17- NO SCHOOL- MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

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