



Happy November! It's time to begin our new unit on Native Americans and the story of the first Thanksgiving. This is usually an all time favorite with the children as they are challenged to imagine life without even basic modern conveniences and technology. Through hands on props they will explore the Native's art of survival by which they used their skills and natural resources. This week we will be going on our class fieldtrip to Beaver Brook to learn more about life in the wild. We will get to experience an authentic wigwam dwelling as part of our hike along the wooded trail! I also will be having a Native American day in the classroom which is a day involving four activities that will engage the children's interest in a fun and educational way.

This month's character trait is *obedience* which requires personal discipline and respect for authority. We do discuss the exception to obedience which would apply to a wrongful command. Obedience isn't always easy, however it provides safety and security for those under virtuous authorities.

We have spent time and will continue to spend time practicing numbers up to ten and beyond. We are doing a lot of number sequencing and value based activities with the higher numbers. We also compare groups and are working on number combinations. These skills lay the foundation for future operations.

Our reading program is moving along nicely and the children seem to enjoy our small reading group times when we read our decodable readers. Our word bank of high frequency words is increasing and through daily practice, the children are showing consistency in recognizing them.

Here are a few dates to keep in mind for this month:

Nov. 2 Beaver Brook Fieldtrip - Free dress - warm clothes

Nov. 8 Native American Day - volunteers arrive at 9:00am in classroom

Nov. 10 No school - Thank you veterans!

Nov. 16 Parent - teacher conferences - confirmation times will be sent to you soon.

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving! Thanks for all that you do, and I look forward to seeing you throughout these events. 🍂