



# toddler tree

## November 2016: The Harvest

Dear Parents,

Thank you, families, for making Halloween such a great success! Your children had a blast and we all enjoyed watching them parade down the catwalk in very creative and wonderful costumes.

During the month of November, we'll be covering "The Harvest" theme, learning about nutrition and different types of food.

On November 7, 8 & 9, Dr. Plancarte and Sonica will be performing an annual eye and ear checkup. If you are interested in having your child's eyes and ears checked, please advise Nora. The cost for these tests and certificate for both is \$600.

Also, our teachers are preparing to review your child's progress at kinder with you. Please confirm your attendance to the parent/teacher conferences that have been programmed for the middle of the month.

Thanksgiving provides a great opportunity to experience food and the concept of sharing. We'll hold a celebration on Friday, November 18 with all groups. Here is a brief history of Thanksgiving: The Pilgrims left England on September 6, 1620 destined to find a New World that offered both civil and religious liberty. For over two months, the 102 passengers braved the harsh elements of a vast storm-tossed sea. Arriving in Massachusetts in late November, the Pilgrims found a suitable landing place at Plymouth Rock. Assisted by helpful Indians, they reaped a bountiful harvest the following summer. The grateful Pilgrims then declared a three-day feast to thank God and to celebrate with their Indian friends. It was America's first Thanksgiving Festival.

The cornucopia (from Latin cornu copiae) or horn of plenty is a symbol of abundance and nourishment, commonly a large horn-shaped container overflowing with produce, flowers or nuts.

Last but not least, Toddler Tree will be visiting Walmart in the month of November, to go with our food theme. This field trip will be guided by classroom teachers and Mrs. Maricusa..

Sincerely, Anna Cristina Severeid



The topic of the month includes everything related

to fruits, vegetables, grains, meats, dairy. Students will learn these topics as teachers involve them in hands on activities. See more in the objectives section...

### Thanksgiving Party Hosts

**Turkey**  
Felipe Chapa  
Betty Méndez

**Pecan & Pumpkin Pies**

José Bruno Vargas

**Forks, Napkins & Plates**

Eduardo Garza

**Corn & Cranberries**

Víctor Marcos

**Cups & Refreshments**

Javi Lobo

**Yams & Mashed Potatoes**

Emilia & María Jaime

### HOLIDAY RECIPE

#### Cranberry Apple Muffins



##### INGREDIENTS

1-1/2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 eggs  
3/4 cups packed dark brown sugar  
1/4 cup vegetable oil  
1/4 cup sour cream  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
3/4 cup diced unpeeled apple  
3/4 cup cranberries  
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

##### DIRECTIONS:

Mix flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt in a large bowl. In a separate bowl whisk eggs, sugar, oil, sour cream, and vanilla until smooth. Stir in apple, cranberries, and walnuts. Fold into dry ingredients. Bake in greased muffin cups at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes.

### THE PLANTS WE EAT...

When you take your child to the grocery store, stop for a moment in the produce section and discuss plants. Point out that plants have different parts, just like their own body. Plants have roots, stems, leaves, seeds, and fruit. As you look through the produce, point out that the fruits and vegetable we eat often come from different parts of plants.

**We eat the roots of carrots, radishes, beets and onions.**

**We eat the stems of celery, asparagus, and rhubarb.**

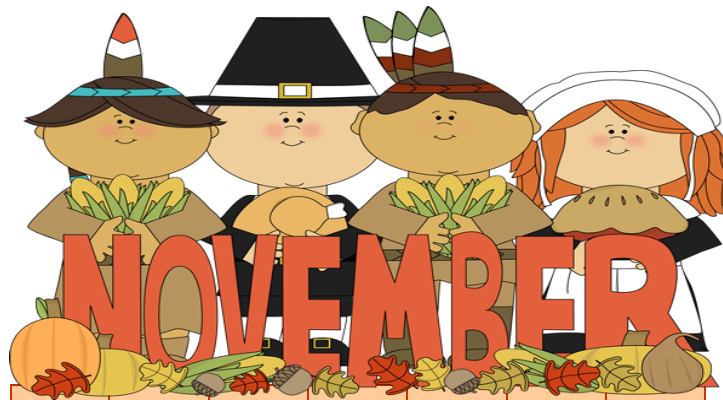
**We eat the leaves of lettuce, cabbage and spinach.**

**We eat the fruit of apples, berries and grapes.**





**Nov 1**  
**Lilia María**  
**Martínez Hiarmes**



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**Nov 27**  
**José Bruno**  
**Vargas Garza**

**The Harvest & The Feast**

Topics:

Food and Thanksgiving



**KNOWLEDGE:**

**Vocabulary**

fruits, vegetables, salad, bread, butter, turkey, eggs, milk, pancakes, cereal, Pilgrim, Indian, dinner, breakfast, lunch.

**Action Verbs**

run, hide, eat, cut, drink, bounce

**Language Patterns**

I like to eat..., This food taste good/bad, Can you share with me?

May I go to the bathroom, please?

**Books**

Stone Soup; Elmo's World – Food; Little Red Hen; Baker, Baker,

Cookie Maker; Elmo's Good Manners Game; This is the Bread That Betsy Ate; The Seed Song; Cookie Monster Book of Cookie Shapes, City Mouse and Country Mouse, Too Much Junk Food.

**Concepts**

tall – short, eat – smell – taste, give - take

**Math Skills**

Rote counting 1 to 20. Identify 1- 5. Matching and Classification.

Circle and Triangle.

**Science Discoveries**

Make and taste different foods like fruit salad, orange juice, bread, pancakes, etc. Explore different reactions of substances and liquids together.

**FINE ARTS:**

**Art**

fingerpaint, color mixing, food printing.

**Music**

Fruit Salad, Please and Thank You, The Sharing Song, I Like Turkey, Little Turkey, Apples and Bananas, Potatoes and Tomatoes, On Thanksgiving Day, Five Fat Turkeys, One Little Turkey Ran Away, A Turkey Named Bert.

**Role Play & Drama**

Thanksgiving role play, dress up like Indians and Pilgrims, chase the turkey and have a dinner. Five Little Indians

**MOTOR SKILLS**

**Fine Motor Skills**

Trace straight lines and circles. Use scissors by steps: holding, open/close, free cutting and straight line patterns.

**PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES**

Knowledge and practice of the following skills: rolling, climbing, bouncing, pushing and pulling. Learn about follow instructions and games rules. falling, dancing, swinging, hopping, eating, sharing.

**SOCIO-EMOTIONAL**

**Values of the Month: Thankfulness and Sharing**

**Events**  
**7,8,9 Eye and Ear Checkup**  
**15, 16, 17 Parent Teacher conferences**  
**21-25 Mexican Revolution & Thanksgiving**  
**30 Walmart visit**