

CREATIVE PLAY NEWS

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SNACKS: Again, thank you to all who have provided snack. Please continue to sign up on the calendars at the community centers. At Gage Park the teachers send assigned date snack notes home on a rotation basis based upon class enrollment.

HALLOWEEN PARADES: I apologize to the parents and children at both Oakland and Hillcrest centers for not attending the parades. The poor weather (last minute changes) and teacher illness kept me at Gage Park. I hear they went well. Thanks to all who made that special effort to take time from their busy schedule to attend.

BACKPACKS, COATS: Same verse, different month. Please place name/initials inside your child's backpack and on size labels so we get the correct items home. Check backpacks for notes, receipts and craft project. Try to keep backpacks empty when coming to class. Personal toys should not be brought to school. Wear coats to school. Be prepared.

VETERANS DAY: Have a veteran in your family. If so, send us their name, rank, service branch and relationship to the enrolled child. Provided names will be printed and honored.

CLASS FEES: As a reminder class fees are due the week prior to class dates attended. When making payments we need checks made payable to The City of Topeka. For all payments we request the following: 1. THE CHILD'S NAME AND, 2. THE DATES YOU ARE PAYING FOR. Place your child's name ON THE CHECK MEMO LINE OR FOR CASH PAYMENTS PLACE THE CASH IN AN ENVELOP OR SECURE A NOTE TO THE MONEY. AND ... send EXACT CASH (or check amount) that matches the class fee rates. Example 1 class = \$6/\$7.50, 2 classes = \$12/\$15, 3 classes = \$18/\$22.50, 4 classes = \$24/\$30, etc. When you send a \$20 to pay for three Topeka resident classes we need to scurry to find \$2 to return to you. Class credits can get confusing and fill up the small spaces in our roll book. Your cooperation will be truly appreciated.

CLASS FEE INCREASE: Hopefully everyone received a letter from me during the week of October 26th about the daily class fee increase beginning Monday January 4th, 2010. If you didn't the rates change from \$6/\$7.50 to \$7 per class for Topeka residents and \$8.75 for non-residents. I am in the process of making a class fee rate chart which includes the regular and various discount rates. Hopefully the chart is useful for you. I apologize for the mid-year increase. Questions please let me know.

SCHOLARSHIPS: If you are interested to learn if you qualify for a class fee discount contact our department administration office at 620 SE Madison Street. The applicant

must provide their most recent IRS 1040 form when applying. This discount is available to Topeka residents only. The application form is also available on the City of Topeka web site at www.topeka.org. Follow the routing for parks and recreation.

TEACHERS: At Gage Park MWF am - Starrlyt Rodgers, Theresa Girdler, Brianne Powell. MW pm, Nancy Brock, Mrs. Girdler and Mrs. Powell. TTh am/pm Mrs. Rodgers, Girdler and Brock. Hillcrest MWF am Barbara Fregon, Nancy Brock, Pam Mullins. Oakland MWF am Evelyn Herold, Julie Kuck, Marie Champney. TTh am Mrs. Herold, Barbara Fregon and on Tuesday Mrs. Champney and on Thursday Mrs. Kuck.

VOLUNTEERS: Persons who have an interest in helping in the classroom or with home cutting of craft projects should contact your site teachers (or me) and request a Volunteer Helper Application. Details are included in the Parents Handbook on pages 9 & 10.

FAMILYWORKS ...: Parent/care provider and child interaction can be fostered by participating in this volunteer activity. Look through newspapers/magazines/internet etc for pictures that relate to our themes. Discuss the item then allow your child to tear/cut them out and then bring them to class for more discussion. Be creative, make a collage.

OPEN HOUSE: Families are invited to visit the preschool and meet the staff. Please join us at Gage Park on Thursday Nov. 5, at Oakland on Tuesday the 10th and at Hillcrest on Thursday the 12th. Drop in between 6:30-7:30pm. Know someone looking for a preschool invite them along, too.

A REPEAT NOTE: Continue to direct your child to use the restroom before they enter the preschool classroom.

CLASSROOM VISITORS: MS Nancy will be in the classroom this week for some high-activity fun and learning. Boomer Bear and the library story time readers during the weeks of the 9th and 16th. The Topeka zoo education program will be at Hillcrest on the 13th and at Oakland the 16th & 17th.

CANDY, GUM, FRAGRANCE ETC.: Please do not allow your child to enter the classroom with candy, chewing gum or other food items. We request aromatic fragrance not be used either. Thanks in advance.

HOLIDAY CLOSING: Classes will not meet Wednesday, Thursday or Friday November 25 – 27 (no class fee due) in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Remember to check our school calendar in our parents handbook for other special activities or class cancellations.

Creative Play Preschools NOVEMBER Happenings

Color of the month - Brown

Shape of the month- Square

Focus of the month – Growth and friends

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
<p>2 HAPPY HARVEST Ff – 6 Months color – brown, shape – square MS Nancy Gage Park</p>	<p>3 MS Nancy @ Gage Park When Nancy has her wellness time please dress your child(ren) in loose fitting clothing and sneaker style shoes.</p>	<p>4 To prepare for Veterans Day on Nov. 11th we want to recognize family members who are service veterans or currently serving. Send us their name, service branch, and Creative Play name. MS Nancy @ Oak.</p>	<p>5 MS Nancy @ Oakland OPEN HOUSE Gage Park 6:30-7:30pm</p>	<p>6 MS Nancy @ Hillcrest</p>	<p>7/8 * Book lovers day</p>
<p>9 A VETERANS DAY THANKS Gg - 7</p>	<p>10 *US Marine Corp created, 1775 *Sesame Street premiered, 1951 OPEN HOUSE Oakland 6:30-7:30pm</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day Thanks for serving our country! Be patriotic day, wear red, white and / or blue</p>	<p>12 OPEN HOUSE Hillcrest 6:30-7:30pm Library story time @ Oakland Be patriotic day, wear red, white and / or blue</p>	<p>13 * The Holland Tunnel connecting NY and NJ opened in 1927 Zoo Education visitor @ Hillcrest</p>	<p>14/15 * First streetcar 1832 * Young readers day</p>
<p>16 I'm THANKFUL FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS Hh - 8 Zoo Ed. visitor @ Oakland</p>	<p>17 Zoo Education visitor @ Oakland Wear brown week</p>	<p>18 Library story time @ Gage Park and Hillcrest</p>	<p>19 *Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address, 1863 *Great American Smoke out Library story time @ Gage Park</p>	<p>20 * Universal Children's day</p>	<p>21/22 * John F. Kennedy assassinated, 1963</p>
<p>23 I'm A HAPPY TURKEY, GOBBLE GOBBLE Hh - 9</p>	<p>24 Start a family reading time at your home. Let each family member choose their favorite book/story and let them read it to the family, or tell a story from the pictures. (set a time limit or length of book/story)</p>	<p>25 NO CLASS The teachers and I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving. We hope you enjoy the family time together.</p>	<p>26 NO CLASS – HAPPY THANKSGIVING</p>	<p>27 NO CLASS Don't permit the holidays to drag you down or cause undue stress. Relax, slow down, and keep things in perspective. Enjoy life, give hugs freely!</p>	<p>28/29 As our Topeka Police recommend, avoid becoming a statistic, keep valuables</p>
<p>30 TRIM THE TREE Jj-10 Ms Nancy @ Hillcrest</p>	<p>1 December Preview (Dec. 7 – 11 Deck the Halls Hh – 11, Gold, Star) Ms Nancy @ Oakland</p>	<p>2 Library story time @ Oakland Ms Nancy @ Gage Park pm class</p>	<p>3 Remember class fees increase to \$7 and \$8.75 on January 4th, 2010 Ms Nancy @ Gage Park</p>	<p>4 Please have all class fees paid in full no later than December 18th. Ms Nancy @ Gage Park am class</p>	<p>5/6 out of sight, especially when shopping. Be aware of your surroundings, too.</p>