

# The Preschool Press

Dexter Cooperative Nursery

November 2008



## Letter from the President

Craig Gilbert

I can't believe how quickly these first two months have passed. We're off to a very successful start and I'd like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication. Everything has been going so smoothly I don't have a lot to say this month. Here's the standard advice for the season. As the weather gets colder we'll still be going outside to play at the end of the day. Be sure to dress your children appropriately. It helps if hats, boots, etc. are labeled with your child's name. Also, please notify the school if your child is going to be absent (426-2491). We worry about you when

you don't show up. Good luck with your coffee sales. I really like the names you came up with. Other than that I hope you are enjoying your time here at the coop. These years go by so quickly.

**"The best things in life come in threes, like friends, dreams, and memories."**

I hope you're finding all three here at our coop.

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### Upcoming Events

**No School:**

Nov. 21

**No School:**

Nov. 26-28

**½ of Fundraising**

**Due:**

Dec. 1

**Newsletter**

**Submissions or**

**pictures due:**

Nov. 29

**Foggy Bottom Coffee**

**pick up**

**Week of Dec. 8**

## Three Year Old News

Mrs. Pam

We had lots of fun at the Chamber's Farm in Pinckney. We went on a hayride to pick pumpkins from the pumpkin patch, jumped and played on the hay bails, ventured our way through the corn maze, fed the farm animals and some were even comfortable enough to milk the goat. It was fun at the farm and I'm glad the weather cooperated for us. Our next field trip will be on November 18 to Champion Gymnastics. Look for more details in your mailboxes.

Grandma Jan the Music Lady visited our class on October 23 to do a special Halloween music lesson with the kids. She played the auto harp and an electronic keyboard player. She also used puppets and props as the kids listened intently and learned songs about witches, jack-o-lanterns, ghosts and goblins. The kids were mesmerized! The Music Lady will be

back to visit us a few more times throughout the school year.

On November 11 a firefighter from the Dexter Fire Dept will be visiting our class to talk about fire safety. The kids will have a chance to check out the fire truck as well. How cool is that!

The cold weather is here. Brrr! Be sure to bring those warm boots, hats and mittens. We will try and play outside even in the cold. If the temps are 20 or above we will try and make it outside to play so be sure to dress appropriately. By the time 15 kids are dressed and ready to play outside it usually doesn't allow a lot of time to play so don't worry....they won't be out in the cold for long.

## Four Year Old News

Mrs. Joan

Happy Thanksgiving!



November, the month of Thanksgiving, is a great time for me to tell you how thankful I am for all of you who give your precious time working in our classroom. Many of you comment about how much fun it is, yet it's still exhausting. I couldn't begin to do it alone or with just one helper as most drop off nursery schools. Those of us who pour ourselves into young children are rewarded daily when observing their abundant energy, creativity, and overall desire to learn. We have established routines and are now ready to build many pre-reading and math skills. Keep working on beginning sounds at home and everywhere you go. Playing restaurant or grocery store should provide all the opportunity you should need. When my kids were preschoolers, I always focused on a letter a day. I would encourage them to find words through out the day and we would add them to a list that was kept on the refrigerator. When you would least expect it, they would come running through the house with another word to add to the list.

## How Preschoolers Thinking Differs From Adult Thinking

Most preschoolers can sort things by category but cannot grasp the idea that something can belong to two categories simultaneously. For example, a child may call apples and oranges by their names, but cannot understand that they can also be called a fruit. Another example is that a child says they live in a house, but not a town. When talking with your child about their address, help them to put it all together while driving down their street, and into their town. Also talk about all of it being in Michigan. You will be able to tell when the pieces fall into place.

Remember to carefully cultivate "Thankfulness" in your child. We must model the behavior that we desire to see sprout in our children.

FAMILY means: Father And Mother, I Love You



## What's the Buzz? Local Happenings:

Saturday November 15, Thanksgiving Story time, Dexter District Library, 11 a.m.

Wednesday November 26, Thanksgiving Centerpiece – Make a table centerpiece craft, Ann Arbor District Library, Pittsfield Branch, 2-4 p.m.

Nov 28 – 30, Family Science Weekend, Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum  
Friday & Saturday, 10am – 5pm  
Sunday, Noon – 5pm  
For more information and admissions rates call (734)995-5439

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## Thanksgiving Break

There will be no classes held November 26-28.



Happy Thanksgiving!



## Birthday's!

### Three Year Old Birthday's

- Kiara kapusansky Nov. 17
- Lauren Martin Nov. 10
- John Needham Nov. 8

### Four Year Old Birthday's

- Cecille Judge Nov. 21
- Maggie Koons Nov. 22
- Macy Pomo Nov. 22
- Rose Clark Nov. 13

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## The Craft Corner



TINY TOMS—From Family Fun.com



This is one turkey that won't get eaten this Thanksgiving. Your kids can make a flock to decorate the dinner table -- or for all the kid guests to take home as favors.

### **CRAFT MATERIALS:**

- Yellow and red felt
- Tacky glue
- Googly eyes
- Brown pom-poms
- Pinecones
- Pipe cleaners

**Time needed:** Under 1 Hour

1. For each turkey, cut out a yellow beak and a red wattle from felt. Then glue the beak, wattle, and a pair of googly eyes onto a pom-pom to create the turkey's head.
2. Glue the pom-pom head to the tip of a pinecone. Allow the glue to dry.
3. Wrap a pipe cleaner around the middle of the turkey's cone body, starting from the top and twisting it together a few times on the underside. Separate the ends of the pipe cleaner (below the twists) and bend each tip into a 3-toed foot.
4. For the turkey's tail, individually wrap 3 or 4 pipe cleaners around the back of the pinecone, starting from the underside and twisting them together a few times on the top of the pinecone to secure them. Then loop both ends of each pipe cleaner to shape tail feathers.

## Recipe Time!

### Simple Pumpkin Muffins- From Kimberly Seivert

One 18.25 ounce package spice cake mix

One 15 ounce can pumpkin puree

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 12 cup muffin pan or line with paper liners.
2. In a large bowl, mix together the cake mix and pumpkin puree until smooth. Spoon equal amounts of batter into the prepared muffin cups.
3. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center of one comes out clean.



### Snow Days!

Even though it's October, it's never too early to start thinking about poor weather! If Dexter Schools are closed, so will we! You can call 734-424-4100 and then #8 for District Announcements.



## Leslie Science Center Pictures 4pm Class



Fun in the rain! ☺

## Chambers Farm Pictures from the 3pm class



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*Nothing purchased can come close to the renewed  
sense of gratitude for having family and friends.*

**Courtland Milloy**

