

John Baker News



November 2018

Wow! We are moving so quickly through this school year. November will be a busy month as everyone prepares for Conferences and Thanksgiving. The kids continue to come up with great activity ideas and we are having fun exploring new, often very messy, ideas. As always, we are grateful for the opportunity to take care of and build relationships with you and your children.

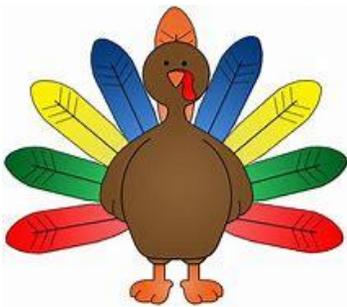
The John Baker Staff

New Staff

We have added 2 more new staff members. **Andrea Martinez** on Mondays and Wednesdays and **Darren Rivas** on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. They'll be sure to say hi and introduce themselves when they see you.

News and Notes

November 14th - Turkey Trot



One of the most beloved traditions here at Children's Choice is our Annual Turkey Trot. Every year before Thanksgiving both the staff and kids have the opportunity to dress up in our turkey costume, then run frantically around the field as groups of children chase them, trying to pluck a feather. One lucky winner gets a turkey, while others get stuffing, potatoes, or maybe a pumpkin pie. Everyone has a lot of fun as we continue to build our community.

Thanksgiving Week

November 19th and 20th

School is closed for parent teacher conferences. We will be open at Sombra del Monte from 7 am - 6 pm. Remember to bring a lunch.

November 21st

School is closed for the Thanksgiving break. We will be open at Sombra del Monte from 7 am - 6 pm. Remember to bring a lunch.

November 22nd and 23rd

CC is closed. Enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday everyone!

Donations: Remember, we are always happy to take your donations of art supplies, games, toys, etc. Please keep us in mind when you are cleaning out the clutter.



Hermit Crabs

After an extensive campaign we have finally settled on the names of our 2 hermit crabs. Meet Dr. Claw and Pumpkin. While they don't do much, we are happy to have them as part of our community.





Pumpkins, pumpkins, pumpkins!!!

October was all about pumpkins. The kids and the staff got very creative with pumpkin themed activities. Take a look:

How many rubber bands will it take to explode the pumpkin? 5, 200, 250, 10, 105, 100, 100,000,000,000,000



We didn't have the patience to wait to see but guessing was fun.



Take a look at our very own CC Jack-O-Lantern



We feel like mad scientists!

I love pumpkin seeds



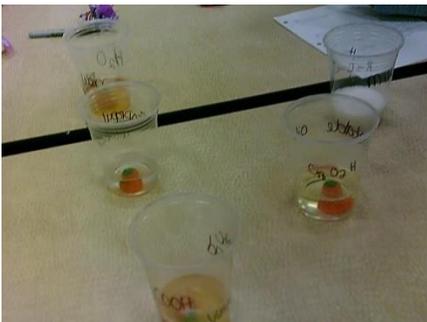
Let's go home now Mom

Pumpkin volcanoes was definitely the most popular, and messy, activity of the month. The kids got to carve their own Jack-O-Lanterns, then, with a twist on the traditional baking soda volcano, made colorful 'lava' erupt from every orifice. The kids correctly pointed out, over and over again, that the pumpkins looked like they were throwing up all over the cafeteria. However, when it looked like Paige might be in trouble for making such a mess, everyone banded together to help her clean up! (We are still finding pumpkin seeds weeks later)



This is awesome! My pumpkin is throwing up all over the cafeteria.

The lunch lady is going to sue Paige. Paige is going to get fired! This is madness!



Sydney ran an activity to see what would dissolve candy pumpkins. She had a few suggestions to start but the kids were able to brainstorm and try some different liquid combinations. I suggested Kool Aid. Really interesting experiment.

