



Important Dates in November

- Nov. 3 All public schools closed
Professional Workshops
KOCO open
- Nov. 11 All public schools closed
Veterans Day
KOCO open
- Nov. 16 Board of Directors Meeting
- Nov. 17 Middle School only early dismissal
Parent-teacher conferences
EHMS TASC at KOCO
- Nov. 18 Pizza lunch at KOCO
Under 3, Preschool and Kindergarten only
- Nov. 19 Middle School only early dismissal
Parent-teacher conferences
EHMS TASC at KOCO
- Nov. 25 All public schools early dismissal
Thanksgiving holiday
KOCO open
- Nov. 26-27 KOCO closed Thursday and Friday
Thanksgiving holiday



Hanging out on the climber

Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2009
6:00-7:00 pm
Everyone welcome
Child care provided

REMINDER

In observation of Christmas Eve and Christmas, KOCO will be closing at 3:00 pm on Thursday, December 24th and will be closed on Friday December 25th



The Toddlers enjoy a music and movement activity with visitor Mary Ellen Reilly from Dance 10

STONE SOUP FOR THANKSGIVING



It has become a beloved KOCO tradition to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday by cooking *Stone Soup*. For those who are unfamiliar with the story, the setting is a small French village just after a war. Hungry soldiers come to town carrying only a kettle and a stone. They announce that they're making a delicious soup and that all it needs is a little garnish. Each family, at first unwilling to share its food, is tricked into adding an ingredient to the pot. Before long, there's enough soup to feed the whole town!

Stone Soup is a simple tale that teaches even the youngest children about the virtues of welcoming, teamwork, and sharing. After reading the story aloud, the class preparation of stone soup provides an opportunity for the children to contribute and prepare their own ingredients, and thereby to experience the story firsthand.

The *Stone Soup* Celebration depends on family participation. If each family contributes just one ingredient, KOCO will provide the pot, the water and (of course) the stone. Your children will prepare the ingredients according to their ages and abilities. The resulting soup will be shared by the entire class during Thanksgiving week. Sign up in your child's classroom to participate!

Thank you...Thank you...Thank you...

...to everyone who shared their occupations with the children: Lauren and Pierce's dad, the firefighter (Mr. Walton); Andrew's dad, the firefighter (Mr. Wagner); Will and Zachary's mom, the scientist (Mrs. Havlir-Potter); Isabella and Hunter's dad from Paul's and Sandy's Too (Mr. Peszynski); Chelsea's dad, the police officer (Mr. Salafia).

...to Cody and Mara's mom (Mrs. Owens-Voelker) and Miller's mom (Mrs. Koziel) for chaperoning movie night.

...to Emily's mom (Mrs. Vick) for chaperoning the Robb's farm field trip.

...to all the parents who attended our Preschool / Nursery School Parent Night, and to all the staff who participated (Roxann, Janet, Krista, Shonagh, Emily, Diane, Danielle, Brian, Maria and Shannon).

... to staff members (Maria, Kayla, Annie, Courtney, Laurie and Shannon) for attending the Saturday workshop "Building Bridges to the Future".

For Safety's Sake

It is never safe to leave your car running in KOCO's driveway, or to leave a child in your car unattended. Thank you for your cooperation!

Flu Update

As the fall flu season gets underway, please know that KOCO is keeping in close touch with officials at both the School Superintendent's Office and the Chatham Health District. Both agencies are continuing to track local cases of influenza-like illnesses (ILI). So far, numbers are low. Please remember to take the following precautions in helping to keep our children healthy:

- Encourage frequent hand-washing
- Keep sick children at home
- See your doctor if symptoms arise
- Report ILI symptoms to KOCO and/or to your child's public school office