

**“My Five Senses”** is the November curriculum theme. The theme includes learning about how we use our bodies to explore the world around us. We will experiences the five senses with lots of hands on activities. We will talk about colors and even make the colors orange and green! There will be lots of opportunities for communication in the classrooms and throughout the building.

Here are a few suggested home activities to encourage language, literacy and concepts:

**November’s vocabulary:**

Eyes	see	Loud	Quiet
Nose	smell	Soft	Hard
Mouth	taste	Hot	Cold
Hands	touch	Red	Yellow
Ears	hear	Orange	Brown

Emphasize these words as you and your child play and look at pictures in books and magazines together.

**Activities:**

1. Sometimes helping your child dress and undress can be a hectic time. When you are less rushed, talk with your child about the clothes they are wearing. Talk about the colors of the clothes; about the pattern, stripes, dots or picture on the clothes.
2. Fill a clear container with water; add a few drops of red food coloring to the water. Watch the clear water become red. Use another container of water and add a few drops of yellow food coloring; then slowly add a drop of red food coloring. Watch what happens. Talk about the colors.
3. Go on a color hunt outside with your child. Find as many different color leaves as you can. Inside, name a color and hunt for as many things in the house that is that color. (Red pillow, red sock, etc)
4. Bake bread or pizza dough. Use frozen dough and have your child feel how cold and hard it is. As it rises, have your child touch the dough again to feel that it is changing from hard to sticky and warm. Bake the dough as directed on the package and soon you and your child will smell the bread. After the bread is cooled, have your child taste the warm bread.
5. Put a small amount of dried beans in one plastic container with a lid; put a small amount of rice in another plastic container with a lid. Shake and make loud and soft sounds. Use them as shakers as you sing your favorite song or march around the table.
6. This is a great time to use playdoh to squeeze, roll, and create. You may like to blend colors together to make a new color!

**November Book Suggestions**

Hand, Hand, Fingers, Thumb, Al Perkins  
Is It Red? Is It Yellow? Is It Blue?, Tana Hoban  
What Does Word Bird See?, Jane Moncure  
Where is Spot, Eric Hill also any flap book  
Eyes, Nose, Fingers and Toes, Judy Hindley  
Hattie and the Fox, Mem Fox  
My Five Senses, Margaret Miller  
Scratch and Sniff books and I Spy books  
Going on a Bear Hunt, Michael Rosen or other authors’ versions  
1, 2, 3 Thanksgiving! W. Nikola-Lisa  
Clifford’s Thanksgiving, Norman Birdwell

**Sing and Play:**

“Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes