HSAP HAPPENINGS

HELLO NOVEMBER

As the days get shorter and the schedules get busier, remember that learning doesn't have to be perfect to be meaningful.
Some days will be full of exciting discoveries, and other days may be slower. Both are okay!
Take time to enjoy the little moments, celebrate the progress your children are making, and remember that the love and encouragement you provide matter so much.
You are doing a wonderful job. Give yourself grace, and enjoy the season!

FIELD TRIPS

Continue to watch your email for HSAP Event Save The Date announcements! Don't forget to RSVP so we know you are joining us!

11/4/26 - Archery
11/12/26 - 8th Grade Career Fair
11/13/26 - 3rd-5th Grade GLOE Trip @ Putnam Museum
11/17/26 - Figge Museum
12/3/26 - Fancy Nancy @ Circa 21

LA LEARNING IDEAS

🧡 Gratitude Writing 🧡
November is the perfect time to reflect on the people, places, and little moments that make us thankful! Encourage your child to keep a gratitude journal, write a thank-you note, or create a list of things they appreciate. It's a simple way to practice writing while celebrating the good things in life.

STAY IN TOUCH

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SCIENCE LEARNING IDEAS

🍁 November Science Ideas 🍁
As the weather gets cooler, there are so many opportunities to explore the science of fall! Learn about how animals prepare for winter through migration, hibernation, and adaptation. Take a nature walk to observe changes in the trees, collect leaves, or investigate how temperature affects melting ice. November is a wonderful time to discover the science happening all around us!

🔬 Try It at Home: Animal Winter Prep 🔬 !
Choose an animal that lives in your area and learn how it prepares for winter. Does it migrate, hibernate, or stay active? Draw a picture of your animal and explain how its winter survival strategy helps it stay safe and warm!

🐿️ Can you find an animal that uses a different strategy? 🐿️

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MATH LEARNING IDEAS

From counting and measuring to estimating, calculating, and problem-solving, everyday activities offer meaningful ways to practice math skills.

Gather a few fall items, such as leaves, pinecones, acorns, or pumpkins. Explore their sizes, weights, and quantities, then use your discoveries to create a math challenge!

Younger Learners: Count, sort, compare, and measure your items.
Elementary Learners: Estimate totals, create patterns, and practice addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division.
Older Learners: Calculate averages, ratios, percentages, or use measurements to solve real-world problems.

🍂 Math is everywhere—even in a pile of leaves! 🍂

HANDS ON LEARNING

Make A Winter Bird Feeder

Use a pinecone, birdseed, and a little nut butter or a bird-safe alternative to create a feeder. Observe the birds visiting and keep a tally.

Build An Animal Winter Shelter

Build a small shelter for a toy animal using sticks, leaves, cardboard, or other materials. Test how well it protects the animal from wind or cold.

Create A Gratitude Jar

Decorate a jar and add one thankful thought each day. At the end of the month, read the notes together and reflect on the things that made November special.

SOCIAL STUDIES LEARNING IDEAS

November is a wonderful time to explore history, traditions, and the communities we belong to! Discover how people celebrate holidays around the world, learn about the history of Thanksgiving, or explore the traditions that make your own family unique.

Locate the country on a map and draw a picture of a tradition.
Compare the celebration with a tradition your family enjoys.
Research the history of the tradition and explore how geography, culture, and history have influenced its development.

What traditions make your family and community unique?

FUN DAYS OF NOVEMBER

November 3 — National Sandwich Day 🥪
November 6 — National Nachos Day 🧀
November 13 — World Kindness Day 💛
November 15 — America Recycles Day ♻️
November 17 — National Take a Hike Day 🥾
November 26 — Thanksgiving 🦃
November 27 — National Day of Listening 👂
Which fun day will your family celebrate?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

November is the perfect time to focus on **Gratitude** — noticing and appreciating the good things in our lives and the people who make a difference every day. Practicing gratitude helps build empathy, positivity, and resilience. It reminds us that learning, friendships, and even challenges can be gifts that help us grow.

G — Give someone a compliment
R — Read a book together
A — Appreciate something outdoors
T — Tell someone why you're thankful
I — Invite someone to play a game
T — Try a new recipe
U — Use your creativity to make a thank-you card
D — Do something kind
E — Enjoy time together