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Dear Families.

Wow, the holidays are fast approaching. This time of year always brings back so many great family memories. I am so blessed to have a wonderful family. Creating great traditions with your children can be so rewarding. There is something really special about this time of year. The smell of turkey cooking in the kitchen, the excitement of Christmas in a child's eye, waiting for the first perfect snowfall, even all of the hustle and bustle of the season brings a sense of holiday excitement. Even though we are busy making sure all the Christmas cards are sent and the presents are wrapped perfect, please take time to remember the reason for the season.

Happy Holidays and God Bless! Sincerely, Tammy Eberle

## Kidzone Korner South Haven

November 1, 2006

### **Inspiration Quote** of the Month:

"A kind word can warm three months of winter."

Japanese proverb

### November/December Calendar

- Outer Space
- Thanksgiving
- True Christmas
- Holiday Seasons

### November/December **Birthdays**

Alaina Smothers 11/4

Jack Burleson 11/8

Morgan Diskin 11/12

Caitlin Koch 11/13

Finn Wells 11/22

Miss Kylie 11/26

Connor Seifert 11/29

Madison Wise 12/12

Loch Rigozzi 12/14

Courtney Koch 12/14

Anders Johnston 12/15

## Holiday Treat



### Gingerbread Men

1/2 cup creamed shortening

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1/2 cup dark molasses

1 medium egg

2.5 cups of all purpose flour

1/2 tsp salt

1 tsp baking powder

1/2 tsp baking soda

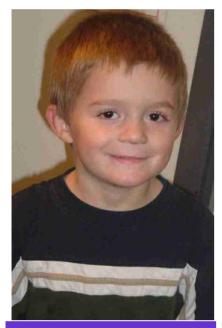
1 tsp ginger and ground cloves (each)

1.5 tsp ground cinnamon

1/2 tsp ground nutmeg

Mix together the shortening, sugar and mo-lasses. Next, add egg and beat completely. Combine all dry ingredients and add to the creamed ingredients—using 1/2 cup increments. Beat well after each addition. Refrigerate the dough until well chilled. Roll out until dough is about 1/4 inch thick. Use cookie cutters to form the figures. Place in oven at 350\* and bake for 10-12 minutes. Decorate as desired!

# Students of the Month



Connor Seifert is our student of the month in the preschool room. He is almost 5 years old and has one brother named Keegan. Connor enjoys reading his "Tonka" book, eating tacos and spaghetti, his dog Max and watching "Hot Wheel Accelerac ers". Connor has been with us for 2 years and enjoys outside time and his friends. Connor is such a joy to have at Kidzonel



Marija Goforth is our student of the month in the toddler room. She i 19 months old and has an older brother named Lars. She enjoys reading the book "Kitten Mealtime" her puppy "pumpkin", watching Curious George" eating carrots, chicken and anything chocolate Marija has been with us for 1.5 years and loves all the toys and playing with the other children. Marija is a great addition to our toddlers!



Jack Burleson is our student of the month in the infant roon He is 11 months old and enjoys reading Dr. Seuss books, his dog 'tator'', eating pears and apples and watching Baby Einstein. Jack has been with us for seven months and enjoys playing with the other children and cuddling with his teacher We are happy Jack is a part of Kidzone!

## Thanksgiving Activities for You and Your Child

Hands and Feet Turkey

### What you'll need:

- Construction paper in brown, tan, orange, red, yellow and white
- Scissors
- Glue
- Wiggle eyes

#### Instructions:

Trace two feet on brown construction paper. Trace two hands on each: tan, red and orange construction paper. Trace one hand on yellow construction paper. Cut out all the hand and feet tracings. Put the two feet tracings together to make the turkey body and head, matching the heals together but spreading the bottoms apart. Glue. Cut two feet out of the orange scraps. Use wiggly eyes. Make the wattle out of red construction paper. Glue them onto the body as shown. Glue the red, orange and yellow paper hands behind the brown body to the make the tail. Position the two tan hands to either side to make the turkey's wings and glue them in place. Have fun making a whole flock of turkeys. Be sure to date the back and then make them from year to year to show how your child has grown.

## **NOVEMBER 2006**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 National Family Literacy day	2	3 Sandwich day and Movie Night	4
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12	13 World kindness day	14 National Teddy Bear day	15	16 Button day Parent-Teacher conference	17 Take a hike day Brown day	18
19	20	21	22	23 Closed	24 Closed	25
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## Employee of the Quarter



Congratulations to Ofelia Santiago, our Employee of the Quarter! Ofelia is a hard worker who always has a smile on her face and does a wonderful job with the infants. Ofelia is a valuable part of Kidzone. We would like to say thank you and congratulations Ofelia!

### Introducing Mmabaene

Through the World Vision organization, Kidzone will be sponsoring a young girl named Mmabaene. Mmabaene is 3 years old and lives in Lesotho, which is located in South Africa. Mmabaene and her family live in a community severely affected by the HIV/AIDS crisis. We will be introducing the children to Mmabaene and discussing her needs and ways we can help. Please take the time to talk with your child about Mmabaene and answer any questions they may have.

