

## MISSION STATEMENT

As a community-based education program, Discovery Gardens pledges to provide a safe, diverse, enthusiastic and inclusive learning environment, where the number one focus is meeting the individual needs of each child, while providing support for our families.

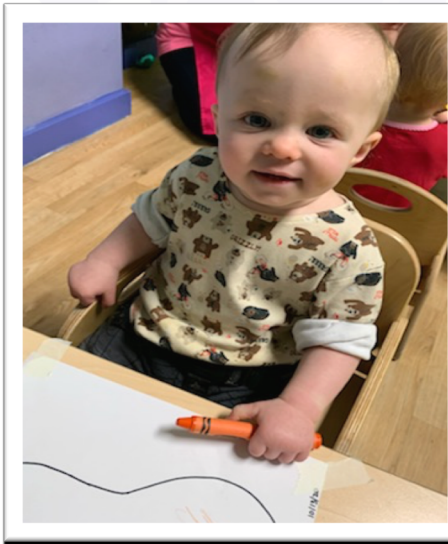


# Our Family Garden: Discover the News!

November 2020

## Quick Reminders

- **DG parents, please make sure that you keep in contact with your center director, so you may get the most current information.**
- If at all possible, please bring your children before 10 AM. It helps to keep class disruptions to a minimum.
- **Please remember that cooler weather is here and your child(ren) will need to dress warm.**
- Friend us on Facebook so that we can get you added to the "Parents of Discovery Gardens" page where you can see daily pictures and updates on what your child is doing!
- Please remember to wash your child(ren)s hands, to keep infection to a minimum.
- **Please don't forget to follow the most current COVID-19 procedures, upon drop off and pick up of your child(ren).**



## Tips For You!

### The fussy Eater!

Why does my child refuse to eat?

1. He may not be hungry. A child's appetite can slow down between the age of 2 to 5 years, when he's growing slower. Let your child eat, when he's hungry and stop eating, when he's full.
2. Offer 3 healthy meals and 2 to 3 snacks about the same times, each day. Let your child decide, how much he will eat. Get more information at:

<http://stores.numatters.com/the-fussy-eater/>

## Celebrate the Date!

### November

Happy Birthday to:  
Brandi (11<sup>th</sup>),  
Sandra (15<sup>th</sup>),  
Kamilah (30)!

Happy Anniversary to:  
None this month!

### December

Happy Birthday to:  
Kim J. (2<sup>nd</sup>),  
Yesica (21<sup>st</sup>),  
Emily (29<sup>th</sup>)  
Ameritia (30<sup>th</sup>)!

Happy Anniversary to:  
None this month!

## Save the Date!

### Closures:

Training / Holidays:

November 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

December 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>

# Discovery Gardens Kenton



## From Kenton:

Hello families!

Discovery Gardens has opened our doors to parents dropping off their children, to follow the changes required by the Health and Safety Guidelines for Child Care and Early Education Operating During COVID-19. Please keep in mind that this requirement comes with specific guidelines that must be followed, in order to have a smooth transition. Keep in close contact with your center director for all the most current information available.

## Toddler/Wobbler Class

Wobblers are learning about kindness, family, and friendship for November. We are focusing on the numbers 1-10, Fall colors and weather, and self-help skills.

## Preschool A

For Thanksgiving, our preschoolers will be focusing on being thankful and enjoying family time. They will practice sign language; Alphabet, first name. Also, practice the different times of the day; morning, before and after lunch, and afternoon. Please dress warm, we will be practicing how to zip our coats. We will also work on holding our pencils and scissors. Our gross motor skills will be enhanced by a lot of jumping, running and skipping. We will also focus on personal space and sharing.

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## Happy Thanksgiving!!!

*Thanksgiving Day – Annual, national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest feast and other blessings of the past year.*

*Americans generally believe that their Thanksgiving is modeled on a 1621 harvest shared by the English colonists, Pilgrims of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people. The American holiday is particularly rich in legend and symbolism, and the traditional fare of the Thanksgiving meal typically includes turkey bread stuffing, potatoes, cranberries, and pumpkin pie.*

*With respect to vehicular travel, the holiday is often the busiest of the year, as family members gather with one another. Please be safe, during your travels!*

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Thanksgiving-Day>

## Infant Class

Infants will be focusing on exploring art materials and how to properly use them. They seem to really enjoy creating their own art. They are getting much better at using crayons. We will be doing sensory play twice per week and find different ways to move our bodies, during our dance parties. Please bring a warm hat and coat so we may enjoy a few walks every month, as weather permits. Also, please bring family photos so your child may see you throughout the day.



## *Discovery Gardens Columbia Knoll*



**Loving The  
Festivities!**

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### **From Columbia Knoll**

Hello Families!

Reminder: We are a “Nut free” zone – please, no peanut butter or any other items with nuts in them.

Please maintain an extra change of clothes, at all times.

Procure: Please sign in and out.

Preschool: Giving thanks – turkey project.

Colors – Yellow, Brown, and Orange.

Letters – K thru M.

Numbers – 10 thru 20.

Wobblers / Toddlers: Practice sharing and taking turns.

Colors – Brown and Yellow.

Numbers – 5.

Science – Turkey projects.



**PreK Room**



**Infant/Wobbler Room**

## Discovery Gardens Lombard



### PreK Class

This month, we are making Thankful turkeys. Every day, we will do a thankful circle and name one thing or person we are thankful for and why we are thankful for this. This month in Preschool, we will be working on sharing, kind words, saying please and thank you, as well as recognizing numbers, counting to 30 and recognizing numbers to 20, and conflict resolution. We will also be learning some new songs and a new circle time routine as well as a new class routine. We would like to welcome Ms. Ameritia Richi. She loves cheesecake and her favorite color is blue!



### Toddler Class

This month we are going to talk about what we are thankful for. We will make a "Hoo's Thankful For" board. We hope to fill our board up with thankfulness! We will work on hand turkey's, cornecopia's pumpkins and more! We will continue to practice our shapes, letters and numbers, as well as, saying please and thank you!

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## Happy Thanksgiving!!!

### **Hello Families,**

Letter from the Director:

I hope you are all staying warm and toasty this season! It is so chilly outside! As a reminder, please be sure your child has a change of warm clothing in their cubby and be sure to bring a jacket so we can go outside! Hats and gloves are a great idea too!

Health, Safety and Covid: For your children's safety and for the safety of the staff - please make sure all of your children's immunizations are updated, as well as, their flu shot. I will start checking immunizations soon. Thank you for your patience with the recent Covid scare. All staff were tested and all results were negative and no other children or families were found to be positive. We are doing our best to ensure that the centers are clean and sanitary and that we are following all COVID cleaning procedures. I understand how scary this can be, but please know that we are taking every precaution to make sure that everyone goes home healthy!

We have some new friends joining our program this month - In Infants; Patricia and Aoife, from Infants to Toddler; Amazing, In Toddlers; Felix and Finley. As always, please call or email me if you ever have any questions or concerns. Again, thank you for allowing us the privilege to watch over your beautiful children.

Warmly,

Mrs. Kim and the Lombard Team



### Infant Class

In the Infant Room, we plan on making Thank You gifts for our parents, to show them how thankful we are. We are also going to sing a "Thankful" song that represents everything that we are thankful for. We would also like to introduce our new Infant teacher Ms. Jessica. She loves Mexican food and her favorite color is green!