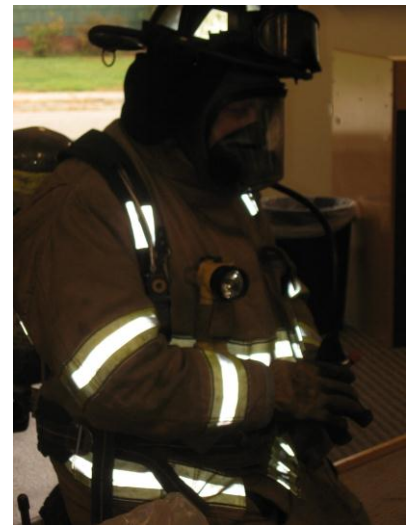


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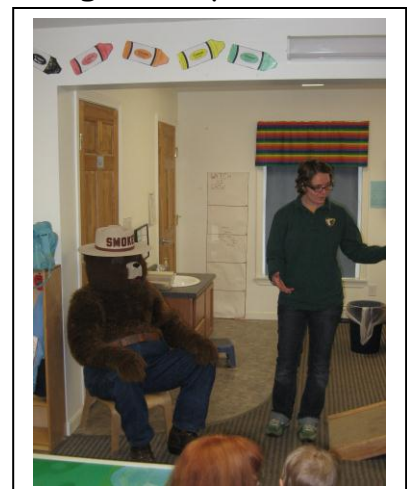
## *November 2011 Newsletter*

October has been a busy month. We had a few visitors for Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 9 - 15). Sparky the Fire Dog made a visit to the children and then Steve Jones and Zina Schmidt from the Fire Department talked to all the children about fire safety. Steve suited up in his firefighting gear to show the children what firefighters look like. He did look a little scary but we all know he is not. Firefighters will help you! Steve and Zina also talked about smoke detectors and how everyone should practice fire drills at home. You should have a meeting place outside of the house that everyone knows to go to. After talking, all the children got to explore the fire truck!



The children also had a visit from Smokey the Bear and Maggie (Molly's mom). They talked about how Smokey got his name and sang a song. Ask your child to sing the song with you:

"Smokey the Bear, Smokey the Bear  
Prowlin' and a-growlin' and a sniffin' the air  
He can find a fire before it starts to flame  
That's why they call him Smokey,  
That was how he got his name."



## -Tot News -

The tots have been doing a lot of painting this past month. We hope all you parents have enjoyed our apples and leaves.

In October we will be starting “colors of the month”. We will begin with black and orange and do all kinds of projects and activities with these two colors.

We look forward to seeing all our friends dress up in their Halloween costumes for our party on October 31<sup>st</sup>. (simple costumes please!!)

*Allie, Jen, Kellie*



### Dates to remember.....

- Mon. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting at 6:15pm.
- Mon. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, Growing Together workshop on Nutrition & Behavior at the Lancaster Elem. School
- Wed. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, Growing Together workshop on Nutrition & Behavior at the Whitefield Elem. School
- Fri. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, no PS program due to the elementary school being closed. We are open for childcare.
- Thurs. & Fri. Nov. 24 & 25 – Center will be closed for Thanksgiving.

## Updated Handbooks

The new handbooks are printed.

Please review and return the



We have created some homework bags for the children to borrow. These bags were made using the NH Early Learning Guidelines packets. Each bag has one activity focusing on one of the domains; physical, social/emotional, creative expression/aesthetic, communication & literacy, health & safety, cognitive or approaches to learning. For more information see Amy.

## Preschool News

The theme for September has been apples. We read about Johnny Appleseed, baked apple muffins (yummy!!) and conducted a science experiment comparing solar baked apples (ask your child about this). The children also enjoyed an introduction to rhythm sticks. For October we will be focusing on pumpkins, Fall & leaves.

*Linda*

## ... Infant News...

For the month of September I started doing a weekly activity chart. Each week I will be working with each of the infants to help develop new skills. We have done sensory activities including play dough, touch & feel books and finger painting. We used toy hammers for banging, click & link blocks colored with crayons to work on fine motor. For music and movement, we experiment with musical instruments and danced to a variety of music.

*Candie*

## Supply / Wish List

In order to defray the cost of child care each classroom will be putting together a wish list that will be posted. It would be appreciated if you could. If anyone is interested in helping the classrooms by donating items off the list please do so.