



Ms. Jane, an early learning library specialist, entertained us with a fun storytime about a squirrel.

opment. So, how do we teach children about gratitude? We share examples of things we are grateful for and say thank you to the children when they are helpful. For example, when they put away toys, help set the table, or give a hug. When asked what they are thankful for, the kiddos shared family, friends, food, and trees. [View photos.](#)

### ■ NOVEMBER AT-A-GLANCE

This month was filled with discovery and delight! In addition to our focus on Thanksgiving, we celebrated various holidays and events. One of them was Veteran’s Day, a special day to honor all the men and women who have served in the U.S. military. We learned about the American flag, its colors, and its 50 stars. We read *Veteran Heroes in Our Neighborhood* by Valerie Pfundstein, which helped us understand that veterans are all around us. Additionally, Ms. Annde shared pictures of her father when he served in the U.S. Army.

Throughout the month, we enjoyed cooking, music, stories, nature walks, and science adventures. On Election Day, we learned about democracy and the power of voting. We also celebrated Dia de los Muertos and learned about Diwali. We enjoyed a special Thanksgiving lunch of pasta with veggies. Read on for more November highlights. [View photos.](#)

### ■ CULTURAL AWARENESS

In November, we celebrated National Native American Heritage Month. We learned about Native American culture and languages through a video and a story about the Cherokee people. We learned about powwows and got to practice our powwow dance moves!

We learned about Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights. People light lamps during Diwali to show light is more powerful than darkness. The kids made

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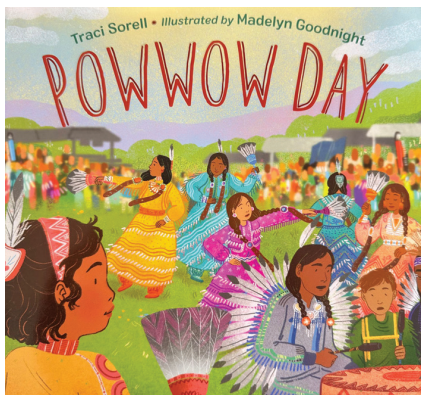
## November Adventures

### ■ GIVING THANKS

Our families and their incredible children are the reason for Jackson Child Care. We are grateful for the opportunity to teach and learn with the children daily. Knowing how much families appreciate and understand the importance of our work and its impact on their children’s development is

motivational. The kiddos are building strong early learning foundations for academic success through play and joyful, intentional teaching.

Throughout the holiday season, we are teaching and practicing gratitude. Teaching this concept is tricky because preschoolers are naturally self-focused in their early ages and stages of devel-





# NOVEMBER ADVENTURES

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a decoration using colorful jewels.

We also celebrated Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), a Mexican/Latin American holiday to remember and honor loved ones who have passed away. The children made a craft using paint, crayons, and stickers.

## ADVENTURES IN SCIENCE

The kiddos enjoy the virtual science lessons taught by Ms. Morgan of The WonderLab Museum of Science, Health, and Technology. One lesson explored the water cycle (evaporation, condensation, precipitation, and collection) and the different forms of water (liquid, solid, and gas). Another lesson taught us about composting. We read *Compost Stew: An A-Z Recipe for the Earth* by Mary McKenna Siddals. We learned how to start a compost pile, what's safe to include, and the benefits of composting.

We also had lots of fun learning about pumpkins. Ms. Brenda opened up a pumpkin, and we got to reach inside and feel the slimy flesh and seeds. Plus Ms. Annde gave each child a paper plate with pumpkin and seeds to explore using magnifying glasses. [View photos.](#)

## ARTS & CRAFTS

The children have been busy coloring, drawing, and painting! We made Thanksgiving turkeys using handprints, pinecones, and googly eyes. The kiddos painted with fall colors, drew Veteran's Day soldiers and colored autumn-themed art. [View photos.](#)

## READ! READ! READ!

The children in our care read books daily through interactive read-aloud or during storytime. Ms. Jolanda, our speech therapist, combined storytime with fun, hands-on activities to help develop literacy skills. Ms. Jane, an early learning library specialist, [read a book about a curious squirrel](#) and another about the changing seasons. The kiddos waved and tossed colorful scarves to mimic falling autumn leaves. [View photos and videos.](#)











Ms. Monica dances with the kiddos.







Ms. Brenda reads to the children.



Monica Jackson is owner and Director of Jackson Child Care (JCC). Our mission at JCC is to learn, play and grow together! We provide a safe, nurturing, child-centered setting that fosters each child's success and a love of learning in collaboration with parents and the community. We are committed to building a successful early learning foundation to equip children with school readiness skills. We operate according to safety protocols that adhere to the Center for Disease Control and Department of Health Guidelines.

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