



The kiddos explore the texture of a pumpkin before reaching inside for the seeds.

November Adventures

■ HOLIDAY PREPARATION

As the holiday season approached, the children started expressing gratitude and excitement. We encouraged them to reflect on what they're thankful for, setting the tone for a season of kindness and togetherness.

■ SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

This month, we focused on emotional intelligence by engaging in activities that encouraged self-awareness and emotional literacy. Children learned to express their feelings through storytelling, role-playing, and group discussions while developing empathy for others.

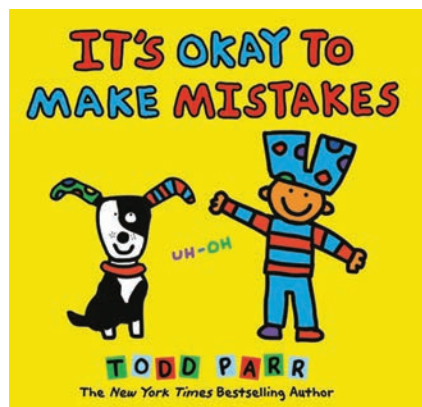
Favorite Books: Todd Parr's series, particularly *The Feel Good Book* and *It's Okay to Make Mistakes*, were used to foster conversations about kindness, emotions, and self-confidence. [View photos.](#)

Activities: Emotion-based vocabulary practice and active listening games helped children connect feelings to words and actions. [View photos.](#)

■ FALL-THEMED LEARNING

Our November activities were full of hands-on fall exploration!

Pumpkin Science: The kids investi-



gated pumpkins inside and out. Activities included sensory exploration, roasting pumpkin seeds, and discussing pumpkin lifecycles.

Math Connection: Counting pumpkin seeds introduced foundational math skills in a playful, engaging way. [View photos.](#)

Art & Crafts: Using fall-themed materials, the children expressed their creativity in various ways, from leaf rubbings to designing creative leaf people. [View photos.](#)

■ COOKING ADVENTURES

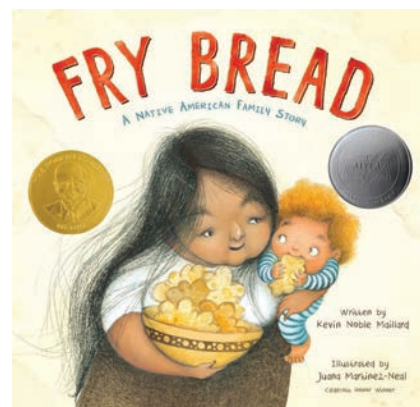
This month, we explored fall flavors with recipes like pumpkin pancakes and pumpkin soup. These activities taught basic cooking skills and encouraged teamwork and patience. Making pumpkin soup was a highlight. [View photos.](#)

■ NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

We celebrated Native Americans' rich culture and history through stories, crafts, and discussions. The kids created feather headbands, learned about their significance in Native American heritage, and shared reflective thoughts during circle time.

Books Read: *Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story* by Kevin Noble Maillard helped children connect

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to culture through food, while other read-aloud highlighted traditions and community values. [View photos.](#)

■ VETERANS DAY

In celebration of Veterans Day, we welcomed Navy and Army representatives, who shared about their respective branches and their experiences serving our country. Many thanks to Mr. TD and Chaplain Usher for visiting the children. The kids had the opportunity to learn about these branches' essential roles in keeping our nation safe and protecting our freedoms. Along with engaging in discussions, the children crafted red, white, and blue bracelets, sang "Veteran's Day Poppies" by The Kiboomers, and enjoyed patriotic stories like *Hero Mom*. These activities helped make Veterans Day a meaningful and memorable experience for the kids. [View photos.](#)

■ CLASS OBSERVATION SUCCESS

This month, we welcomed an observer into our classroom for the CLASS evaluation. Activities included reading *Very Good Hat Days* and creating hats in a fun, interactive art project. We are excited to announce that our preschool achieved a CLASS score of 6.85 out of a possible 7.0, reflecting the outstanding quality of our classroom interactions. This achievement underscores our commitment to fostering a positive climate, ensuring teacher sensitivity, and providing solid instructional support. [View photos.](#)

■ LOOKING AHEAD

As we move into December, we look forward to winter-themed projects, seasonal storytelling, and special holiday celebrations! Stay tuned for more updates about our upcoming events and curriculum highlights.

■ GIVING THANKS

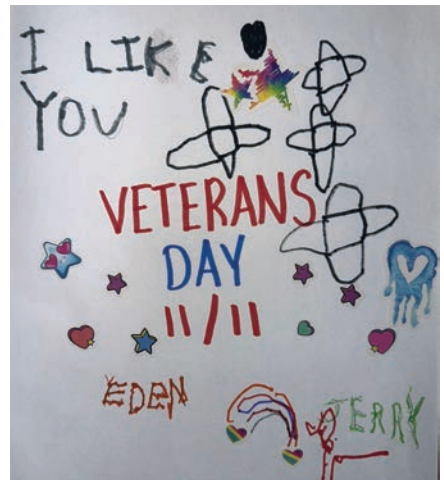
Our families and their incredible children are the reason for Jackson Child Care. We are grateful for the opportunity to teach and learn with the children daily. Thank you for being part of the JCC family!



Mr. TD shared some of his Navy experiences with the children.



Chaplain Usher shared his Army gear with the kiddos.







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.

We are currently enrolling children for our preschool program. For information, please contact Monica at 703-354-5913 or jacksonchildcare@gmail.com. Visit us on the web (www.mjchildcare.com) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/mjchildcare).