

After the Bell

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Kids Korner

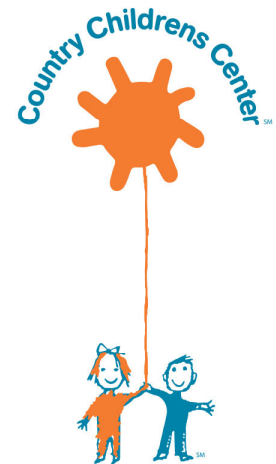
My name is Sawyer. I am in 3rd grade at Katonah Elementary School and I have been coming to CCC since I was really young. I enjoy playing baseball and can't wait for spring to come so I can play again! I like the color turquoise. My favorite hobby is playing games no matter if its card games, board games, gym games, or outside games. My favorite food is spaghetti.

At KES CCC, we have elections that the kids run for every year that

lets us help out the teachers and also gives us responsibilities. I am hoping to become secretary of KES CCC this year. What I enjoy most about CCC is going to the gym where we get to play all sorts of games or have free play and I really like popcorn Fridays! I also enjoy playing outside, especially when we play four square.

Here at KES, we get to draw a lot and there are a lot of materials to draw with like markers, crayons, chalk, and paint. A lot of the kids, including

me, decorate our doors with cool drawings of things we create or trace. It's nice to see our stuff hanging on the door! I like CCC a lot!



Turkey Take Over at Increase Miller!

Hey everybody! November was a quick month due to the crazy end of October storm. Who would have thought that it would snow in October? It's one of those things that make living in the northeast so interesting and unpredictable, especially this time of year. Despite the unsea-

sonable weather, the children reminded themselves what season it really was and the holiday that comes with it - Thanksgiving! They enjoyed making pictures of turkeys and cutting them out to place on our board. When it was done, it looked like we had been invaded by dozens of turkeys, there

were so many! With the snow that still lingered and when it did finally melt, there were still some nice days and we were able to get outside before that sunset. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays!

Having a Ball at Bedford Hills!

Looking back, we had a howling good time at our Halloween party where we turned into mummies, made rice crispy treats, and played pin the wart on the witch's nose.

This month some of our old friends are back like Miss Coralyn, Mr. Dan, and Miss Rachelle. We were excited for some of the games and fun we remember playing and having with them and can't wait for all they have in store for us. Our fun continues as we build

crazy creations with the dominos and blocks, learn new games, and test our knowledge with Trivial Pursuit and our thinking fast skills with Scategories.

CCC is a buzz as the fourth grade boys work on a top secret plan for an Olympics type challenge that will last throughout the school year! We can't wait to see what they come up with and get the games started.

Friendly reminder to parents: we will be going outside,

weather permitting, each day. Please send your child in dressed appropriately for the weather. As it gets colder and we get ready for our snowy weather to come our way, please make sure they have all their snow gear to go outside - winter coat, hat, gloves, boots, and snow pants.

We can't wait to continue having fun together and hope you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Holidays!

Holiday Fun at JJMS!

Witches & Goblins & Ghosts oh my!



On, October 28th, we had our Halloween Spooktacular Party. Your children had an afternoon full of fun, which included their monthly movie "Hocus Pocus", pizza, popcorn, cookies, candy, soda, and of course, games and "Mad Libs." They all enjoyed themselves immensely and are eagerly awaiting their next party.

The first week of November was crazy due to the snow storm

that disrupted our daily routines for a week. It took the kids awhile to readjust to school and CCC. We finally got back into our regular routine and after homework each day, we have group activities. Your children get to choose between several games. Their favorites so far have been: spoons, apples-to-apples, and the name game. This month's movie choice was "Holes."

Up next is our holiday party and movie on December 17th, 2011.

I know that most of you are used to the elementary school informing CCC when your child will not be attending.

However, here at JJMS, things are a little different and I do not get such information. If your child will not be at CCC, would you please do one of the following:

- Leave a message on the JJMS CCC voicemail - 242-0520 x503
- E-mail me at tjbaffi@yahoo.com
- Call the room after 3:00pm 763-7500 x2119

I hope that everyone had a wonderful & filling Thanksgiving with your families!



The History of Thanksgiving Shared at Katonah!

Gobble, Gobble

What's that you hear? Oh yeah, it is the sound of the kids at Katonah Elementary School's CCC program drawing turkeys! We are all very excited about Thanksgiving and have been making some colorful feathered friends. The kids have definitely been getting in touch with their artistic side coming up with creative ways to decorate their birds. Paying close attention to detail and a little bit of imagination, you would not believe some of the

gems that the kids have come up with.

What's more, we have been discussing the story behind Thanksgiving and the origins of this exciting holiday. Everyone found it very informative and we all were able to remember, reflect, and learn something new about this important American holiday. A history lesson in the afternoon is always the best way to end your day!

The kids all shared their plans for Thanksgiving. Even though each family

may celebrate in a different way, one thing the kids had in common was their excitement for the Thanksgiving meal! Yum!



KES kids posing with a new feathered friend!

Fun, Fun, Fun for Lewisboro/Meadow Pond!

The cold weather is moving in but that isn't slowing down the Lewisboro and Meadow Pond kids!

Despite the cold, we enjoy getting outside into the fresh air after a long school day. Mr. Jeff is always up for a game of football on the field with our sports fans while others can be found playing wall ball with Mr. Bruce. With the winter season approaching, our time spent outside is limited. Ms. Lauren, Ms. Lynn, and Ms. Diana have been busy developing different craft

and art ideas for this multi-talented and multi-interested bunch! Other options for indoor activities include painting, beading, lanyard crafts, board games and sports in the gym. Let's not forget our Lego fanat-



Some of the Lego city planners at LES hard at work!

ics! Lewisboro CCC is quickly turning into a little Lego Land and in this land, you can find anything and everything! The children have been busy creating launch pads for space ships, dream houses, patterned towers and even spelling their name using Legos.

It has been wonderful seeing the friendships made between children of Meadow Pond and Lewisboro. We will continue to strengthen these relationships through cooperative play and shared experiences among all grade levels.

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