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Country Childrens Center

# Kids Korner

Welcome to Kids Korner!

Each month, a child from one of the After-School programs will write an article for their program and what they have been doing for the month. This new feature in *After the Bell* gives the children an opportunity to write about

things that they have enjoyed and what they are looking forward to in the month, and year ahead.

A great aspect about this feature is that the child author will give us a glimpse of their own life. Fun facts, hobbies, interests, and more will give

readers a wonderful opportunity to get to know kids from around the CCC community.

Without further ado, our inaugural Kids Korner from a Bedford Hills 5th grader, Maeve Connors!

In the month of October...



We will be having a Halloween party and we will be making our very own candy corn! Kids will be able to wear their costumes, but please leave any masks at home. Some parents are bringing treats for our party, with the permission of Ms. Jess. We also have mummy wraps and other fun games.

What's Going on Now...

We have amazing domino makers, drawers, and fashion designers! We play fun indoor and outdoor games and have lots of time for free play with our friends. Once in a while, kids can bring in a G-rated movie for a different rainy day activity. We've been making drawings to put on our CCC door to decorate it for each season and holiday. At CCC there is something fun for every kid to enjoy!

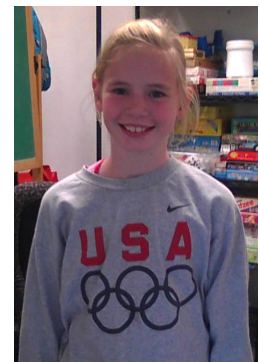
Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders, Sydney, Olivia, Maeve, and Gracie, reopened the CCC store where the kids play a game with us. There are 3 cards, one

has a smiley face on it and that means you win! The other 2 mean you lose, but everyone gets a chance to win a prize.

Coming up in November...

We will be making yummy turkeys and have Thanksgiving pictures to color to bring home and redecorate our door.

We're all looking forward to what's to come this year!



## JJMS: New Friends Made and Old Friends Reunited!

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All of the middle school children seem to be adjusting extremely well to the program structure, different styles notwithstanding. When asked to characterize the CCC program at the middle school, some comments included: interesting, entertaining, unique, electrifying, fun, thrilling, peaceful & relaxing, and flabbergasting. Phew! Even though there was such an eclectic mix of responses, things have been settling



**Enjoying free time at JJMS!**

down to a smooth groove since school started.

Here's a look into the typical day at the JJMS program:

We start the program off with at least 45 minutes where students get an opportunity to go outside, relax, wind down, eat snack, or just hang out. The mid-

dle school offers a wide range of after school clubs, activities, and intramurals which some of the kids have chosen to take part in.

At the end of September we had our first monthly "Movie Day" a day in which everyone anxiously awaits. Students get an opportunity to pick a movie which is determined by a majority vote. Out of the four different movies that were in the running, "Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief" was chosen. Everyone was able to kick back and they enjoyed it every much.

Next up for the JJMS program is our Halloween party and a new movie!

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## Blasting Off at Katonah!

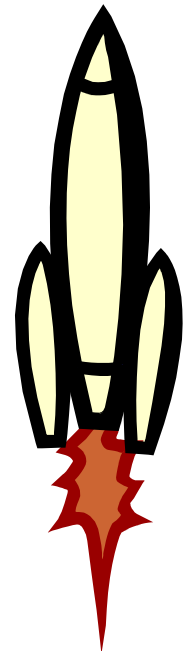
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Now that the year is in full swing, we have been playing lots of new and exciting games this year at KES After-School! The gym, as always, is a huge hit but with this great Fall weather, we try to be outside as much as possible!

Even with all of the running around, there is no sign of exhaustion because October has been all about Legos. The friendly competition has been taken from the gym and brought

to the cafeteria as the Lego spaceship competition has been getting pretty heated! When they aren't breaking a physical sweat, the kids are breaking a mental one by putting their noggins hard at work. Here at KES, the stakes are high and the winner takes all! The kids (our rocket scientists in training) have been using their imaginations to build some rather impressive contraptions. With such a talented group, the kids are combining their brilliant minds

and are even working together to design some pretty elaborate spacecrafts. Watch out everyone, these spacecrafts are headed to the moon and beyond!



## Fall Fun and Friendships at Lewisboro/Meadow Pond!

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We can't believe that another month is already behind us. Time really does fly when you're having fun!

As the Lewisboro/Meadow Pond after school program moves on, we are beginning to grow together as a group. We've had time now to learn



more about one another and continuously forge great relationships between staff and children.

Even though they may go to different schools, the kids have a lot in common, from favorite sports and music to learning similar topics in class. The connections they are forming with one another are developing into great friendships. It was great to see that after the few days off we had from the crazy blizzard this month, the kids were excited to get back to our routine and to see each other!

The bonds we are creating are also giving everyone a better understanding of our rules that provide a guideline of what to expect of one another and how to keep ourselves, and each other safe. We would like to thank parents for allowing us to be part of your child's daily experiences as they grow socially, emotionally, and cognitively. Thoughts and ideas are always welcomed.

Now with the snow gone, we will continue spending as much time as we can outside before more comes our way, hopefully not for awhile!

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## Increase Miller: Spanish, Sports, and Spookiness!

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October has been an exciting month for us here at Increase Miller! The children have been given a great opportunity to learn Spanish and it has been met by much enthusiasm. A high school student, Madeline, started teaching the kids Spanish earlier this month as a volunteer project for Girl Scouts. Luckily for us, she will be here through the whole year! The children are thrilled that Madeline has joined us and given them this awesome chance to

be learning a new language. Thank you Madeline!

We've also had a few visits by Mr. Dan, the sports guy. He goes around to different sites and plays games with your children either outside or in the gym. It's always a treat when Mr. Dan comes to visit because the kids enjoy the large variety of games he teaches them. It's a nice change because we get to play games we normally don't get a chance to do.

I hope when you pick your child up you notice our bulletin board because it is filled up with artwork that the children have made. Since it is Halloween, all the pictures are Halloween themed – fun and spooky! We can't wait to get start winterizing the board!





## **IMPORTANT WEATHER INFORMATION**

**ALL DELAY AND CLOSING INFORMATION IS ANNOUNCED BY 6AM ON:  
WHUD 100.7 FM &  
countrychildrenscenter.org**

### **For Katonah/ Lewisboro Elementary School CCC Families**

- 1) In the event of a 2 HOUR DELAY, CCC must also delay. Therefore there will be no AM care provided at the elementary schools and CCC's White House will open at 9:00 AM for children enrolled in AM care. Children enrolled in AM care at Katonah, Lewisboro, and Increase Miller Elementary Schools can be dropped off at the White House beginning at 9:00 AM and will be sent by district bus to their respective schools.
- 2) In the event of a SCHOOL CLOSING, children enrolled in CCVC can be dropped off at the White House beginning at 9:00AM. Only children enrolled in CCVC are eligible for care if the school closes due to weather conditions.
- 3) If the Country Childrens Center must be closed due to weather conditions, information can be accessed through our Weather Advisory line: 914) 242-0520 Extension: 250

### **For JJMS CCC Families**

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### **For Bedford Hills Elementary School CCC Families**

- 1) In the event of a 2 HOUR DELAY, CCC must also delay. Therefore CCC's AM program at Bedford Hills Elementary School will open at 9:00AM
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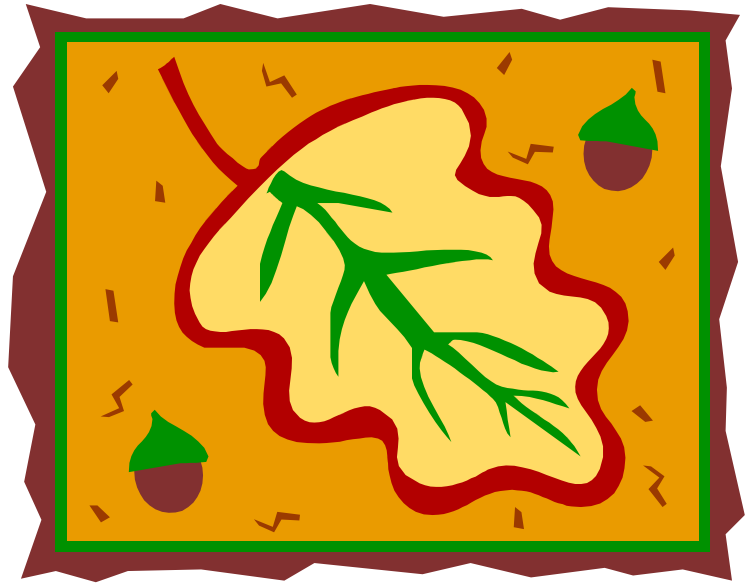
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