



# Rock Spring Reporter

November 2009

## From the office...

Gobble, gobble! The air is getting cooler and we are quickly approaching the holiday season! Whether it is your child's first November or fifth, we are very thankful that they are all part of the RSCC family!

Speaking of being thankful, we would like to thank the Rock Spring Parents Committee for putting on such a wonderful Founder's Day/Halloween Party on the 31st. We were thrilled to have such a good turn out to such a wonderful event and we have the Parent's Committee to thank for it. We would like to specifically thank the event chairs, Dana Adler, Leila Afas, Karin Larson, Elyssa Larranaga, and Melanie Stehmer-Townsend. You all really worked hard and it was evident in how much fun everybody had! For those parents who either contributed food or volunteered at the event, thank you to you as well.

November marks a couple of events at RSCC that you should know about. We will be having picture days on November 9th and 10th. The specific details are on the back page of this newsletter.

Also, individual classrooms will be having Thanksgiving Day Parties. Please check with your child's teacher to get the details.

We look forward to yet another wonderful month at RSCC. Please let the office know if you have any questions about upcoming events!

Thank you,  
Carrie, Betsy, and Sandra

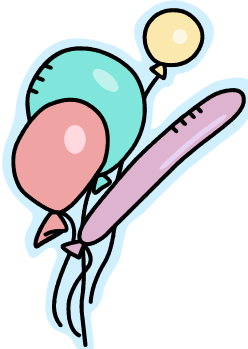
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Don't forget to display your Rock Spring Bumper Magnets! You may notice this month that the towing signs are going up. The towing company has been instructed not to tow any cars with car seats in them, but we ask that you display your RSCC magnets as well.



## Happy Birthday & Employment Anniversary to...



Happy Anniversary...

- Amina: 1 year
- Brooke: 1 Year
- Iliana: 1 Year

Happy Birthday...

- Maria: November 11th
- Soranjani: November 13th
- Yessenia: November 20th
- Idalia: November 23rd

# Guppies

We just finished with Halloween and it turned out to be a really fun day! All of the babies looked so cute in their costumes.

It is November and we are planning for Thanksgiving and thinking about visiting with relatives and friends.

Our babies are so happy that this month we don't have to say goodbye to any of our babies! We get to stay our cute little girl family for another month.

Our oldest baby is Addie. She is a very busy little girl. She is everywhere and is already trying to walk. She was able to take a couple of steps last week! Addie is a very happy sweet natured little girl.

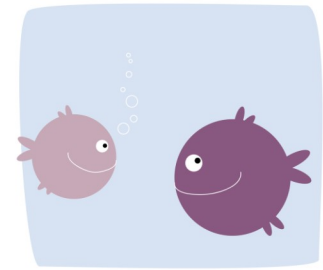
Ada is also doing very well! She just learned how to crawl and she also had a big week last week with the accomplishment of a cou-

ple of solo crawls! She looked so proud of herself! She is a very quiet and easy-going baby.

Paige is also doing wonderfully! She is reaching for all of the toys that she wants and is trying to crawl. We think that before you read the next newsletter she is going to be an official crawler!

Our little lady Caroline is doing excellently. She is happy all of the time and is always busy watching what Paige, Ada, and Addie are doing. She knows that she will soon be doing everything that they are doing. She is doing really well with her solid foods and simply loves to eat!

Our newest baby Erin has adjusted very well. She loves the colorful classroom and loves watching all of the activity in the room. By now she knows all of her teachers and friends. She can also sit by herself for a couple of mo-



ments at a time.

Our youngest little lady is Daniela. She also adjusted very well and now loves the classroom and all of the activity. Whenever we talk to her she responds with a beautiful smile. She is a very sweet little girl.

As usual, if you have any questions we are always here.

Enjoy Thanksgiving with your families and friends.

Love,  
Dilruba, Rosa, and Nanda

# Tadpoles

In the month of October we have been going out and looking at how everything has changed since summer. We watched how the leaves change color, feeling the climate change, and see how nature is changing completely from plants and trees to all the animals we see. It's been so much fun and we are learning so much about fall.

First, before we start with the news, we want to welcome the new teacher in the class, Ms. Dee Dee! We are very happy for you to join our class and we are very excited to work with you and to get to know you better. Welcome to the Tadpole classroom!

We want to say that we are very proud of Luke for his achievements because he is starting to walk now! (Although, apparently he can walk faster on his both legs and both hands.) He is a very happy and proud

of his hard work that he has accomplished. His good friend is Katherine because they are inseparable and they always do everything together!

Sienna also likes to walk everywhere. She is the type of person who is independent and likes to do everything herself. She loves to explore the room and find new toys and areas on a daily basis. We admire her curiosity!

Katherine is a very smart little girl! She claps for everything she knows she does right. She loves to get on the bench that we have in our classroom and blows kisses to Luke when he is getting picked up and leaves.

Michael is known for our little boy who doesn't let go of books. He goes everywhere with it and he won't do anything if he doesn't have a book in his hands. When he walks around the room, he would have one under his arms and he would sometimes fall for taking care of

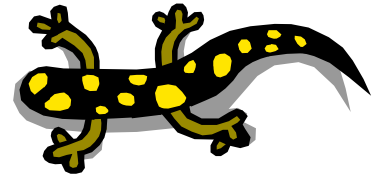
the book... but he won't let go! He is a very sweet little boy!

John Temple is our happy boy who loves to laugh and give all the love out to everyone. He loves to observe things that happen in the classroom and especially when we have puppet shows, dances or sings along.

Coby is our baby boy in the classroom. He has adapted to the classroom so well. He is always happy, coming in the classroom with a big smile on his face and loves to observe what the other children do. He loves to listen to music and dance along to the music.

Parents, as you can see, we have been having so much fun learning about new things and we enjoy every minute of our new days everyday. Parents if you have any questions or concern, please don't hesitate to ask or call us. Thank You very much!

# Salamanders



Happy fall everyone! We love the way the weather is changing and the how the pretty leaves are falling. We have learned a lot about fall: fall colors, how leaves and acorns feel, how the weather changes and much more! For our October curriculum our main theme was Skin Covers Many Things. Some of the sub themes we concentrated on were: Tree Skin is Bark, What kinds of Skin Do Animals Have?, Textures of Animal Skin, Thick Skin and Thin Skin. Last week we learned about the skin of fruits and vegetables. We had a chance to feel the skin of different fruits and vegetables, taste the fruits and vegetables, look at pictures of them and play with plastic fruit! We had fun and learned a lot of new material. We have been reading a lot of new books that pertain to the themes. We have different books every week and we share

them with the Frog class. Sometimes we do projects with the Frog class too. They all get along well and enjoy each other's company.

Next month we will be talking about building things (houses, etc.). If you have a truck such as a Bulldozer, Dump Truck, etc. that you would like to share with the class for a little while, that would be great! For those of you who attended the Halloween party, we hope you had a nice time and thanks for contributing to our classroom party. We had a great time and loved putting the costumes on the children and seeing their faces light up! Everyone looked so adorable! The Salamanders in our classroom are doing such a great job and learning so much. Their little brains are like sponges, and we are teaching them a lot. Here are a few reminders: Please label everything including food

containers, cups, clothes, coats, etc. -- everything! Also please bring home your child's sippy cup every night, wash it out and bring it back the next morning. Since winter is coming, the children will need snow clothes including snow boots, snow pants, gloves or mittens (and an extra pair) and an appropriate snow coat. We will be going outside most days unless it's below a certain temperature (15 degrees). It'll be fun to play outside! As always, thanks for being such sweet, wonderful parents!  
Love, Mary Beth, Dulari, Amina and Chandi.

# Frogs

We hope you all had a happy October! We sure did! We would like to thank the parents who attended and helped with the Halloween parade and party.

The children will continue to have story time everyday and music and movement on Tuesdays in the month of November. We are also learning how to brush our teeth and how to wash our hands using soap. We have also planned many outdoor walks for the Fall so that we may observe the beautiful change in the leaves. Last month we were learning about skin. What fun we

had talking about all of the different types of skin.

During the month of November we will be talking about building.

- What can we use to build?
- How can we build it?
- What can the things we build do?
- Why do we build things?

In November we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. We will talk about all the things that we are thankful for and be working on our table manners for that special

Thanksgiving dinner!

As the seasons change, please remember to check your child's extra clothing supply. We need long pants and long sleeved shirts for the cooler weather.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk with us.

We love you!

Nirosha, Sunilka, Asoka, and Whitney

# Dragonflies

We had such a great October. We would like to say thank you to the parents who were a huge help on our field trip to Butter's Orchard. We had a great time choosing the perfect pumpkin and playing on the other attractions that were offered. Of course, we had a great time at McDonald's!

Furthermore, we would like to thank the parents that helped and contributed yummy treats to our Halloween party. We had a wonderful time marching around in our very cute costumes!

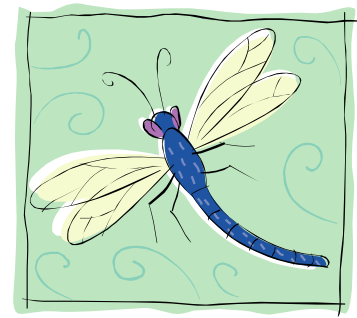
The curriculum planned for this month is "Building" where we will learn and teach about what we can use to build, how we can build it, what can the thing we build do, and why we built it. We will also be learning about Thanksgiving and figuring

out what we are thankful for individually.

We will continue to do the projects including have circle time, music and also develop our fine and gross motor skills. During circle time we will be talking about farm animals and zoo animals. We will talk about what it is like where they live and what animals live in each place.

We are very proud to say that our children have good table manners. We are always hearing the children say "thank you", "please", and "welcome." We will further continue to work on good table manners.

Every Friday is a sharing day. Please bring your child's favorite items to share with others. We would like for the parents to know that we are always available to speak with you about any com-



ments or concerns that you may have. Also, please see that your kids have extra clothing in the cubbies since they are being potty trained. Happy Birthday to John Robert on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks,

Roxana, Chamida and Maritza

# Butterflies

The month of October was very exciting and wonderful. First of all, we would like to thank all the parents who came to our Field trip to the pumpkin patch. It was great having you together. We would also like to thank those who joined us for the Halloween party and for the goodies. The children were looking so beautiful with all the colorful costumes. The Butterfly Classroom was very proud to take part in the parade.

Our high reach curriculum for the month of November is "Building." For this topic we will be talking about things that protect and help us. How we can build and what kinds of things are needed to make a building.

1. Machines
2. Bulldozers
3. Diggers
4. Cranes

The materials to construct a building are: Cement, Bricks, Sand and wood. We are also going to have lot of projects related to the theme, both indoor and outdoor.

November also means we will be talking about Thanksgiving. We are looking for to all that a Thanksgiving unit has to offer.

We would like to say happy birthday to William and Nicolas in the month of November.

Our butterfly potty training is

going very well, Our goal is to train them before they move to another classroom. Parents please make sure your child comes in the morning wearing a diaper with the underwear on top of the diaper. Please check their cubby for extra cloths.

Thank you for the cooperation. Please feel free for any questions or concerns, you may always call us to the classroom at ext 228. We are very happy with all of the children in the classroom. We have wonderful loving kids.

Once again thank you,

Ms Doris, Ms Asha and Ms Yasmin



# Otters

The month of October has been wonderful. We worked on the theme "Skin covers many things." We covered topics such as tree skin, fruit skin, & our skin as well. We also worked on fall themed projects as well as Halloween activities. The otters got a real feel of fall when the temperature and environment changed & when the color of the leaves started to change to different colors and the acorns fell from the trees. They were fascinated with the season change that we decided one day to go out and collect beautiful

leaves and acorns to work on a fun project.

Our Halloween celebration was amazing and so was the parade. It was so much fun seeing our little people all dressed up in their costumes. We were so glad that Cade made it back from his vacation just in time to join us for our Halloween party. We would like to thank all the parents for taking the extra time and collaborating with our events and always making them GREAT!!!

The Theme for November is going to be "building". Ms Erin will be providing us with fun activities as well as books to make our learning fun and exiting.

Thanksgiving is also coming up very soon, so we are going to be working on holiday projects. November is going to be very busy so please remember to check your child's inbox, we will be sending home your child's projects and any additional information for parents. Once again thank you and see you around!!

-Idalia, Brooke, Luiza

# Turtles

Hello Parents!

Was that October that just flew by? What a whirlwind...but a *fantastic* whirlwind!! We would first like to take a moment and thank all the parents who have contributed their time, services and love this past month. We are so lucky to have such wonderful parents who will come out to help on field trips, volunteer their Saturdays to come help spruce up the center, show support for our Halloween parade and parties and throw us a Founder's Day Celebration! Words cannot express how grateful we are!

October was also a wonderful month in the classroom. We learned so much about our skin, the skin of animals, trees and fruits

and vegetables. Hopefully your Turtles continue to share their knowledge on this topic with you at home!

With October now at our backs we Turtles are so excited for November and everything that it will bring. The new theme for our High Reach Curriculum is "Building" which we expect will be a huge hit since we already know it is something most all the kids *love* to do! It should be especially cool since we have that parking garage being built out by the playground to give us a real life look at some *building*! Be sure to check in on Miss Erin's Daily Blog so you can take a peek at the fun stuff we are doing each day.

We also have Thanksgiving coming up at the end of the month so the Turtles will also be learning about the holiday and talking about all the things we are thankful for.

We also have Picture Day coming up this month (more details to follow) and Daniel Walker's 3rd birthday to celebrate on the 10th!! So as you can see, we have a lot of fun things coming up this month:)

As always, please feel free to come to any of us should you have any questions, comments or concerns...Happy November...gobble gobble!

-Miss Erin, Miss Iliana & Miss Rosy

# Geese

Fall is blowing right past us. How quickly the leaves are changing colors and drifting down to the ground! We had a great October packed with so much learning and fun things to do. We got to learn a lot about fall and changing colors of leaves, Halloween, of course, and our curriculum theme which was "Skin Covers Many Things". We talked about the human skin and the different colors of skin that we have, We also talked about the skin on animals & even the type of skin that covered fruits and vegetables! The kids really enjoyed this topic. The kids learned that not everyone has the same skin color and that fruits and vegetables can be different also.

The field trip to the Pumpkin Patch and the Halloween party were a great way to close October! We would like to thank those parents that made it possible for us to go on our field trip and made it a smooth experience. Also, thank you to those of you that contributed to our Halloween party and were able to join us.

October was the month of projects but it

doesn't just stop there. November will also be an exciting month which will have the Geese very busy! This month's curriculum will be about "Building". Apart from what the curriculum has to offer for this month we will also be learning about Thanksgiving. We talk to them about the purpose of this holiday we celebrate as a family and also the types traditional meals we eat. YUMMY!

If you haven't already signed up for the Parent/Teacher conferences and are interested in having one, there are still some open spots. But make sure to sign up soon. Conferences begin this month. Just as a reminder they are for approximately 15-20 minutes and they are just a great way to learn and be informed on how your little goose is progressing.

In honor of Thanksgiving, we will be having a Thanksgiving Party on November 25th. More details to come. The sign up sheet will be posted on the classroom door mid- way thru the month. Also don't forget that we will have Picture Day on the 9th and 10th of this

month so don't forget to wear your best outfit!

As always, we will try our best to keep you informed and up to date as best we can. In addition, please remember to check your child's mailboxes with notices and special announcements from the office. Also please feel free to take home any artwork on the clothes pins in the classroom.

**:::FRIENDLY REMINDER:::** For safety reasons, please don't forget to sign your child in and out on the clipboard. We need to know who is here and who isn't!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask. We are always available to help, or if you would prefer to email me please do so at [MsYessenia@RockSpringCC.com](mailto:MsYessenia@RockSpringCC.com).

-Ms. Yessenia, Ms. Tianna, Ms. MaryLou

# Ducks

Welcome to November! Quick question- where did October go? Apparently there is only a month and a half left to do all of our holiday shopping and we already feel very behind! Anyway, October was an awesome month in the Ducks! We had such a blast learning all about skin! Who knew that the Ducks would embrace that topic like they did? They LOVED it! It was such a great thing to see them truly enjoy learning about it! They also really liked learning how to spell bark. We will be spelling a word with every unit in our curriculum and I am looking forward to it as are the Ducks!

In November our curriculum unit will be on building! You know how things get built, what people use to build things, who builds things, what we can build in our classroom, etc. If anyone has any books on building- we would love to read them! The Ducks love their books! Also quick side note- the Ducks are always welcome to bring in any books any day of the week to share. We will read them before nap time or in afternoon circle. Just remember that toys are not permitted unless it's Friday. (Soft nap time toys are allowed, but the Ducks know they stay in their cubby until nap time) OK back to building. The teachers are looking forward to this unit. We have

some great ideas for projects.

Also in November we will be talking about Thanksgiving. All about why we celebrate Thanksgiving and what the 1st Thanksgiving was like. The kids always enjoy learning about this every year. We will be having a special Thanksgiving snack that Wednesday before Thanksgiving. We will ask you to bring in a special side dish that your family enjoys during the Thanksgiving holiday. We have a very multi-cultural class and we are looking forward to seeing what everyone brings in for us to try! It will be a fun party! :-)

We don't have any birthdays in our class in November, but we do want to wish Miss Yessenia and Miss Idalia happy birthday! They celebrate their birthdays in November... maybe they will share some cupcakes with us! :-) Enjoy your days guys!

We have exciting news in November! Miss Catherine will be with us FULL time! We are so excited for this! The Ducks always look forward to her coming into our class every day after nap and now we will get her ALL DAY LONG! Miss Catherine has also started doing an afternoon circle 3 times a week (Mon, Wed, and Fri). She teaches the Ducks their letters, numbers, and colors in English

and SPANISH! The Ducks are loving this! They pronounce the words much better than Miss Stephanie, but we are all learning together! Also Miss Elsi has taken over doing the projects and she loves doing them! She has come up with some great ideas and Miss Stephanie also does one project a week with the Ducks too. It's been a great month!

If you still aren't reading the blog, please email Miss Stephanie at [msstephanie@rockspringcc.com](mailto:msstephanie@rockspringcc.com) and she will add you to the readers list. I hope those of you who are reading it are enjoying it! Thanks for all the parent's who signed up for a parent/teacher conference. It's so nice to be able to catch up and talk about your wonderful kids for 30 minutes! We hope you all have a wonderful month of November! WE LOVE YOU!!!!

xxoo, Miss Stephanie, Miss Elsi, and Miss Catherine

# Swans

Good-bye October. We will miss you. You were a fun month. We had a great time learning all about pumpkins, fall, Halloween, pentagons, octagons, ordinal numbers, Ss, Aa, Nn, going to the pumpkin patch, making lots of spooky decorations for the classroom, tasting pumpkin treats, toasting pumpkin seeds, watching the leaves fall and playing with them on the playground and so much more. We had a great Halloween party and parade and thanks to all who attended and brought items.

November will be just as full of learning. Moving along with our alphabet friends and letter concepts, we will work with the letters Bb, Oo, and Ff. We will continue with ordinal numbers and learn a new shape. We will discuss why it is good to take turns. We will learn all about different types of transportation and take a look at maps and globes. We will begin the month with

doing some simple science experiments and "magic mixtures"! This is always fun:) We will learn all about the first Thanksgiving and discuss what it means to be thankful. We will read lots of Thanksgiving books and do some funny turkey projects and learn a new song or two.

To celebrate Thanksgiving here at school, the Swans will be having a little party on Wednesday November 25th at 3:30. It will be a side dish party! Everyone is invited to bring in a traditional or family favorite side dish to share for snack. All are invited-even out of town relatives! More details will come later in the month.

I have two other items to mention. First, you have probably already seen the homework folders which were

sent home on Nov 2nd. Look them over and let me know if you have any questions. Hope you and your Swan enjoy the activities! Second, parent/teacher conferences for our class will be held the week of November 16th between 2pm and 3pm. You can come in person or we can talk over the phone. Each conference will last about 30 minutes. A sign-up sheet will be on the classroom door. Thanks and as always, let me know if you have any questions:)

Sincerely, Miss  
Heather



## Thanksgiving Parties

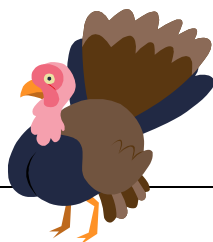
Please check your child's classroom for information regarding when their Thanksgiving Day Party will be and look for a sign-up sheet to contribute to the party!

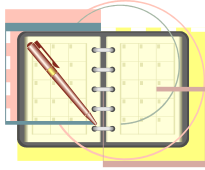
Thank you!

## School Closed November 26th and 27th

We wanted to remind you that school will be closed on November 26th and 27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Gobble, gobble!





# Calendar of Events

## November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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### Schedule of Events

- November 2nd: Tuition due
- November 9th and 10th: Picture Days! Please see next page for the day in which your child will have their picture taken
- November 25th: Thanksgiving classroom parties
- November 26th and 27th: Closed for Thanksgiving Break
- November 25th: Hot Lunch Forms are due by 6:00pm



## Sick Policy

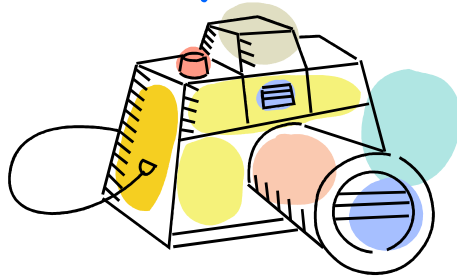
### RSCC Sick Policy:

“At the discretion of the director, a child will be refused entry or sent home when there are visible signs of illness (fever, vomiting, diarrhea, rash or discolored mucus that accompanies other symptoms). Children’s parents will be contacted and asked to remove a child from care **within an hour** should the Center suspect a child is ill. **Children sent home may not return until they have been free of illness for at least 24 hours;** the director may request written consent from a child’s doctor. Children too ill to play outdoors are too ill to come to the Center.”

As you can imagine, we are being abundantly cautious this year with looking for flu symptoms and are on the constant look out for high fevers and other flu symptoms. We ask that parents strictly follow the sick policy as well.

\*We continue to get new information from various health agencies and would like to note that a sore throat and cough are possible symptoms of the flu.

# Picture Days are here!



RSCC will have Creative Images coming to school on November 9th and 10th.

The following classrooms will have their pictures taken on **Monday, November 9th:**

**Guppies**

**Tadpoles**

**Salamanders**

**Frogs**

**Dragonflies**

**Butterflies**

**Swans**

The following classrooms will have their pictures taken on **Tuesday, November 10th;**

**Otters**

**Turtles**

**Geese**

**Ducks**

A few notes:

- All full class pictures will be taken on you child's specified day.
- Children are welcome to wear anything that you would like. The picture company has asked that you do not dress your child in the color green.
- Please bring your child to school in what you would like for them to have their picture taken in and bring an outfit to change into if you would not like for them to wear that outfit all day.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.