

Mark Your Calendar

- **Wednesday 11.11.09**
No School–Veteran's Day
- **11.23.09–11.27.09**
No School–Thanksgiving Week
- **12.21.09–1.5.10**
School breaks for winter vacation and BVSD Professional Days

Food for Thought

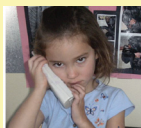
Items we can always use are frozen berries and fruit for smoothies, milk and cereals that have low or no sugar, and home cooked breads and muffins are always welcome.

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Snow Days

We've already experienced our first snow day for the year, well before we thought we would be getting one. If you are unsure about whether the weather will be closing our school, you can go to www.BVSD.org and it will be posted on their home page, snow closures are also announced on radio and television; we follow Boulder Valley School District for snow days. We also try to get outside on most days that the weather permits, so make sure you bring appropriate clothing including hats, mittens (easier and warmer than gloves) and boots. Children will stay inside when the temperature is below 20 F.



Profile

Storybook Journey

We are currently reading, **Pumpkin Pumpkin** by Jeanne Titherington

Themes: Growing cycles of oviparous (egg laying) creatures from our storybook journey – ladybugs, frogs, geese butterflies, farming, harvesting and preparing foods from produce, scarecrows and their purpose.



Happenings

Amanda has decided to return to study, so won't be continuing as a teacher at Children's House. We have two former staff members who have returned to fill her position. Elaine's sister Suzanne McCarthy who works at University Hill and worked for 10 years at Children's House has returned. We also welcome back Jen Swezey who has been with us for the last two years, and was working as a substitute teacher this year.

We also have three visiting professionals from Boulder Valley School District who come weekly; Julie Zahniser - speech therapist, Kathy Fletcher – occupational therapist, B.J. Cannon – special education teacher, who invite the children to participate in educational activities while serving children with specific goals



With a Song in Your Heart

The Garden Song

Inch by inch, row by row
 gonna make this garden grow
 all you need is a rake and a hoe
 and a piece of fertile ground
 Inch by inch, row by row
 Someone bless these seeds I sow
 Someone warm them from below
 Til the rains come tumbling down

Pulling weeds, picking stones
 We are made of dreams and bones
 Need a place to call my own
 For the time is near at hand.
 Grain for grain, sun and rain
 Find my way through nature's chain
 Tune my body and by brain
 To the music of the land

Plant your rows straight and long
 Temper them with prayer and song
 Mother Nature will make you strong
 If you give her love and care
 An old crow's watching hungrily
 From his perch in yonder tree
 In my garden I'm as free
 As that feathered thief up there!

5 Little Pumpkins

5 little pumpkins sitting on a gate.
 The first one said, "My it's getting late"
 The second one said, "I hear a noise!"
 The third one said, "It's just some boys"
 The fourth one said, "They're having fun"
 The fifth one said, "We'd better run!"
 So oooooohhh went the wind,
 And out went the lights,
 And away they all ran on Halloween night!

The Pumpkin Vine

I looked out my window and what did I find? (2X)
 Green leaves a-growing on my pumpkin vine.

There were Gree-een leaves, green leaves
 Green leaves growing on my pumpkin vine.

...yellow flowers growing
 ...black bugs crawling
 ...baby green pumpkins
 ...little orange pumpkins
 ...giant orange pumpkins





Out of the Mouths of Babes

Noe is pretending to be a bear and the teachers are encouraging her to use language as well as growling. Jen says, "Because we don't speak bear, we don't understand that language." Sophie-June pipes in, "Actually I do understand. I speak bear but I speak people too."

Gabriel, "I had a dream a crocodile ate my pancakes."

Michael Johnston, "After story time...Spin time!"

Teacher, after telling the function of the snails in the fish tank, "What should we name the snail?" Cooper, "Good deed."

Elaine redirects Cole, a hand washing enthusiast, "In this school we wash hands after we go potty, not before." Cole, "It's not your school. It's my school. It's our school. It's Children's House, I like Children's House."

Maya has paint flecked on her from using the paint roller, "I'm spotted like a dog."

At snack time, "Do you want smoothie or applesauce?" Jack "A hamburger!"

Ahmed is asked about his family and responds, "Everything is like...Good morning. Bye bye. See ya tomorrow and blowing kisses."

Noah, "When I have a baby-sitter, I can be a baby."

Erin "Will we be friends even when I'm grown up?" Matuka "Yes, and when I see you I will say 'Helllooo Erin' (in an elderly voice)."

Erin "You might be an old lady? ...Or maybe you would be my husband!"

Thank You

Thank you to the parents who have been helping us out through bringing in foods, repairing our toys, books and furniture, coming in to clean our kitchen, and all the other help. I'd also like to thank all who answered so quickly to my last email, our school benefits greatly from your combined efforts.

Isabelle excitedly tells Michael several times a day of her upcoming weekend trip to New Mexico. When she returns, Michael asks how her trip to New Mexico was and she looks up at him in amazement, "How did you know where I went???"

Nick, "It explodes you to the next land above the sky."

Tessa's mom Lucia approaches Matuka after her birthday, "Matuka, I heard you turned seven years old!"

Iona to Max, "Can I sit next to you? I don't have a friend there,(points across the table) but I have one here."

Max names his painting, "A big little tiny moonie."

Charlotte, "Matuka, you look like a tree because you're wearing brown and green."

Sophie-June turns to one of the children during dramatic play, "You can be the teenager." Michael asks her what teenagers do and she replies, "They just hang around at school and at home, and sometimes they study a bit." (she must have met my son)

Wolf tells Liam's mom when she comes in, "Liam's here.", Elaine remarks, "That would be a worry if Liam wasn't here." Wolf, "That would be a bad memory."

