

# November Newsletter

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From the teachers...

We have just finished our parent-teacher conferences and have been reflecting on the time we spent with you. It's been such a pleasure to talk about the children's progress. We are amazed at how much they have grown in eight short weeks. Thanks to all of you for coming in to speak to us. We appreciate you taking time from your busy schedules to be here. We know that children always make the greatest amount of progress when the school staff and families work together.

## DOWN ON THE FARM

We have just completed a mini-unit on monsters!! We focused on the book Where the Wild Things Are.

We designed monsters using our names.

We have begun our unit about the farm. The children painted a big red barn and attached some of the farm animals they brought from home. We have a large stuffed horse in our classroom. Brownie is a big hit. As all of the children want to have a turn riding him.



## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- \*Nov. 6 - Bayou Seco will perform at our school
- \*Nov. 10 - PTO meeting
- \*Nov. 13 - Bilingual Parents meeting in the library - 11:10-12:10
- \*Nov. 16-24 - Shining Stars book fair in the library
- \*Nov. 17 - Family fun night
- \*Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving lunch for ALL Shining Stars students in the gym - more information to follow
- \*Nov. 25-27 - Thanksgiving Holiday - No School



## CURRICULUM CORNER NAMES

The children spend a lot of time in preschool learning to spell and write their names. For many of them, this is their first experience with letters and letter sounds. Because their names are important to them, they are enthusiastic about learning to spell them. They are also learning to recognize letters in the other students' names. We are creating a word wall using the students' names. This will help them use the word walls that will be a part of their kindergarten classes. We recently created monsters from our names.

## THIS MONTH'S NURSERY RHYME



### Little Bo Peep

*Little Bo- Peep has lost her sheep,*

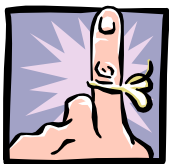
*And doesn't know where to find them.  
Leave them alone, and they'll come home.  
Wagging their tails behind them.*

### JOIN PTO!!

The PTO is a wonderful organization. It supports teachers and students in many ways throughout the year. The dues for joining PTO are \$5.00 per year. As an added bonus, teachers receive a free jeans day when parents join!

### A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS

A new section has been added to Rio Rancho Public Schools Coursewhere, the online catalog for professional and staff development. It's called **PARTNERING WITH PARENTS**. In this section the district will offer workshops for parents on a district-wide level. Our first posting is up and ready for parents and the community at large. The section is posted right on the home page of Coursewhere. You can access this home page from the [www.rrps.net](http://www.rrps.net) site by mousing over Professional Development on the rrps.net website.



### Reminders

**\*\*Scholastic Book Orders are due November 13<sup>th</sup>.**

Please remember that you can order books online.

**\*\*Don't forget to label your child's jackets, sweaters, hats, etc. with his/her name.**

**\*\*If you find you are arriving early to school, our family literacy center is open before each session.**

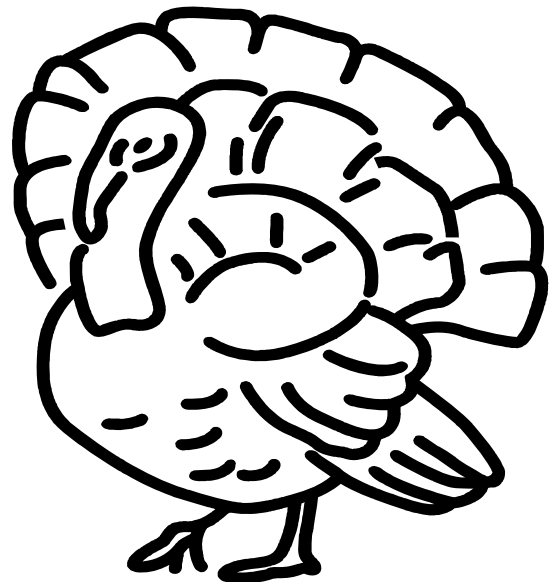
## **WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU!!**

*...Thanks to those of you who helped us during our Fall Carnival. We had a great time and having you here made our day more enjoyable.*

*...Thank you to the parents who have volunteered in our room and who have sent special treats for the children*

*...Thank you for signing your children's folders every day.*

*...Thank you for your continued support.*



Please color the turkey. Can you color each feather a different color??